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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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SUMMARY: There was little change in the number of unemployed between August and September. The jobless count at 12,930 was 2.8 percent of the labor force. When compared with a year ago, total unemployment was down 290 and the rate fell 0.2 percentage points. Unadjusted national rates were 5.6 percent this year and 5.7 percent a year ago.

The civilian labor force declined seasonally in September to 462,310. July and August are the peak tourist months. Thus, tourist-related establishments experience reduced labor needs in September and youth workers leave the labor force to return to school and college.

The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the nation rose 1.0 percent in September to 223.4 (1967=100), up 12.1 percent from a year earlier. The Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers increased 1.0 percent in September to 223.7, up 12.4 percent from a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonfarm payroll employment, as measured by the monthly survey of establishments, declined 3,300 in September to 395,400. Trade and services fell by 1,100 and 2,950, primarily in resort and recreational areas as the peak of the summer tourist season passed. Manufacturing at 114,600 showed little net change from August. The opening of schools caused a rise in transportation and in local government.

Over the past year, employment has risen by 17,450, or 4.6 percent. Manufacturing gained by 2,950, or 2.6 percent. Since mid-1978, the growth rate in manufacturing has slowed substantially. The average rate of growth during 1978 was 8.2 percent.

The nonmanufacturing sector gained 14,500 jobs over the year, an annual rate of increase of 5.4 percent, down from the 1978 annual growth rate of 7.1 percent.

The overall growth in manufacturing was affected by conditions in leather and leather products. During 1978, the industry was able to hold its own, but in 1979, foreign competition seriously affected the industry and by September, 1,350 jobs had been lost, largely from factory closings. Durable goods manufacturing gained 4,000 over the year, including 250 workers involved in a labor dispute in 1978. Job gains were concentrated in machinery and electrical products (1,050 and 1,250 respectively). Primary and fabricated metals gained 800 jobs over the year.

In nonmanufacturing, employment rose 14,500 from September 1978 with over 70 percent in trade and services. Construction added 1,050 jobs, a substantial proportion at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project. Federal, state and local government all had increases over the year.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	September 1979	August 1979	September 1978	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	462,310	466,760	443,730	-4,450	18,580
2. Unemployment	12,930	13,010	13,220	-80	-290
Percent of labor force	2.8	2.8	3.0	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	449,380	453,650	430,260	-4,270	19,120
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	100	250	-100	-250
Nonagr. wage & salary**	395,400	398,700	377,950	-3,300	17,450
Manufacturing	114,600	114,700	111,650	-100	2,950
Durable goods	69,300	69,400	65,300	-100	4,000
Lumber & wood prods.	5,550	5,550	5,500	0	50
Furniture & fixtures	2,050	2,050	2,050	0	0
Stone & clay prods.	3,050	3,050	2,800	0	250
Primary metal prods.	3,200	3,150	2,900	50	300
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	7,100	6,750	150	500
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,300	20,350	19,250	-50	1,050
Electrical prods.	17,650	17,900	16,400	-250	1,250
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,000	1,800	50	250
Other durable goods	8,200	8,250	7,850	-50	350
Nondurable goods	45,300	45,300	46,350	0	-1,050
Food & kindred prods.	3,450	3,550	3,400	-100	50
Textile mill prods.	5,300	5,300	5,350	0	-50
Apparel	2,800	2,800	3,050	0	-250
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,400	6,400	100	100
Print., pub. & allied	6,150	6,050	5,900	100	250
Leather & lea. prods.	10,200	10,550	11,550	-350	-1,350
Other nondurable goods	10,900	10,650	10,700	250	200
Nonmanufacturing	280,800	284,000	266,300	-3,200	14,500
Construction (inc. min.)	23,150	23,250	22,100	-100	1,050
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,400	13,600	450	250
Trade	90,600	91,700	84,700	-1,100	5,900
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,000	19,050	17,800	-50	1,200
Service industry & other	73,600	76,550	69,150	-2,950	4,450
Government	60,600	60,050	58,950	550	1,650
Federal	11,650	11,850	11,050	-200	600
State	15,700	15,550	15,050	150	650
Local	33,250	32,650	32,850	600	400

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

Benchmark: March 1978

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	September 1979		September 1978		September		Unem- ployment	Labor Force
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1979	1978		
New Hampshire	12,930	2.8	13,220	3.0	462,310	443,730	-290	18,580
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	750	3.5	870	3.9	21,130	22,070	-120	-940
Claremont	840	2.3	910	2.5	36,920	36,780	-70	140
Concord	1,220	2.8	1,120	2.6	43,980	42,630	100	1,350
Dover	1,540	3.2	1,520	3.3	48,870	45,720	20	3,150
Keene	780	2.0	850	2.3	38,910	37,220	-70	1,690
Laconia	1,010	2.4	1,270	3.0	42,470	41,990	-260	480
Littleton	650	4.1	380	2.3	15,760	16,190	270	-430
Manchester	2,500	2.9	2,860	3.5	86,030	82,220	-360	3,810
Nashua	1,800	2.9	1,640	2.7	62,890	59,690	160	3,200
Portsmouth	1,140	2.7	1,030	2.8	42,210	36,310	110	5,900
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	700	3.0	770	3.4	23,140	22,910	-70	230
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	540	2.5	720	3.4	21,500	21,300	-180	200
Carroll	230	1.8	290	2.2	13,080	13,180	-60	-100
Cheshire	700	2.0	780	2.4	34,640	33,150	-80	1,490
Coos	770	4.0	800	4.0	19,360	20,160	-30	-800
Grafton	1,100	3.1	940	2.7	35,100	35,220	160	-120
Hillsborough	3,890	2.9	3,950	3.1	131,940	125,710	-60	6,230
Merrimack	1,360	2.7	1,360	2.7	50,930	49,560	0	1,370
Rockingham	2,460	2.7	2,600	3.1	92,080	84,820	-140	7,260
Strafford	1,440	3.2	1,350	3.2	44,630	41,690	90	2,940
Sullivan	440	2.3	430	2.3	19,050	18,940	10	110

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "70 Step Method" Handbook, unadjusted

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

Employment Service Activity

Item	September 1979	August 1979	October 1978 to September 1979
Total applications for employment	2,857	3,552	69,331
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,382	3,498	29,998
Placements - job openings filled	1,768	1,657	16,287
Job openings unfilled end of month*	2,175	2,732	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,768	1,657	16,287
Berlin	133	117	879
Claremont	117	117	1,153
Concord	175	178	1,632
Dover	224	196	1,815
Keene	140	147	1,396
Laconia	161	133	1,295
Littleton	92	91	991
Manchester	277	237	2,484
Nashua	175	148	1,847
Portsmouth	274	293	2,795

*Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings.

At the end of September, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Services offices was 10,775 of which 2,857 were new applicants or renewals. Forty-seven percent of the active file were females, and the under 22 and over 45 years old categories accounted for 21 percent and 23 percent respectively. Approximately 18 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest grade completed, three-quarters of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active applicants with 43 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

The number of nonagricultural employer visits fell sharply in September as employer visitation programs were curtailed in order to meet other program requirements. Non-agricultural promotional telephone contacts were down 60.1 percent for the same reason. Agricultural employer visits were with relation to the apple harvest. All reported activities were below a year ago.

During September, employers placed orders for 2,382 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 5,114 openings available during the month. Of these 1,768 (35 percent) were filled and 2,175 remained unfilled at the end of the month (557 less than last month). Approximately 42 percent of the openings filled were in clerical (29 percent), and services (13 percent). Structural occupations accounted for 20 percent while benchwork and machine trades totaled 22 percent.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	2,493	12,644	23	128	21	39	102	464
Berlin	169	880	1	2	0	0	4	26
Claremont	103	403	0	2	1	3	1	32
Concord	242	884	4	17	6	1	8	28
Dover	508	1,854	4	9	1	5	13	75
Keene	113	713	1	0	3	18	5	31
Iaconia	193	1,337	1	11	6	3	6	35
Littleton	166	952	1	7	0	0	4	7
Manchester	488	2,768	2	46	0	2	28	73
Nashua	329	1,762	2	17	3	1	12	60
Portsmouth	182	1,191	6	16	1	4	14	73
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	312	1,455	8	26	0	0	8	9
Local government	25	68						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was \$81.87.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	August 1979	August 1978	Percent change
Total - all industries	3,719	3,859	-3.6
Manufacturing	2,203	1,381	59.5
Durable goods	421	555	-24.1
Electrical products	123	179	-31.3
Machinery	92	121	-24.0
Lumber & wood pds.	26	34	-23.5
All other durable	180	221	-18.6
Nondurable goods	1,782	826	115.7
Leather & lea. pds.	798	447	78.5
Textiles	32	22	45.5
Paper & paper prods.	22	68	-67.6
Printing & allied	32	24	33.3
Apparel	40	101	-60.4
Rubber & plastic pds.	826	106	679.2
Other nondurable	32	58	-44.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,515	2,478	-38.9
Construction	306	1,089	-71.9
Trade	511	575	-11.1
Services	452	539	-16.1
All other nonmfg.	246	275	-10.5

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including August 12, 1979. Insured unemployment decreased 4,347 from July to 3,719 in August of which 57 percent were female. Insured unemployment decreased 140 or 3.6 percent from August 1978. Thirty percent of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks while another 41 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Sixty-two percent of the insured unemployed were under 45 years of age. Manufacturing accounted for fifty-seven percent of the insured unemployed. Closing of a canvas footwear plant in Berlin earlier this year and a temporary layoff at an automobile products plant in the Dover area accounted for the sharp rise of insured unemployed in rubber and plastics. Benchwork (1,274) leads occupations with one-third of all insured unemployed followed by professional, technical and managerial (627), clerical (522) and structural (318).

FUND BALANCE: There was \$77,042,511.51 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of August. Net contributions amounted to \$4,965,607.28 and net benefits paid were \$1,362,391.90. Interest credited during the month was \$1,143,221.22.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Manufacturing	7.7	6.1	7.7	5.3	4.7	6.0	7.3	7.4	6.6	5.5	3.5	5.2	0.8	3.0	0.4
Durable goods	5.6	5.2	6.3	4.5	3.8	4.8	6.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	2.7	3.9	0.4	2.4	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.*															
Furn. & fixtures *															
Store & clay pds.	3.8	2.2	7.4	2.2	2.0	7.3	11.3	8.0	8.3	5.0	3.3	7.2	4.9	3.8	0.1
Prim. metal pds.	5.9	6.1	6.8	5.9	5.5	6.2	5.1	3.8	4.7	4.2	2.2	3.6	0.1	0.7	0.1
Fab. metal pds.	11.5	4.3	14.3	6.1	4.0	8.0	7.2	8.2	8.4	5.9	2.8	5.6	0.5	4.7	0.4
Electrical pds.	6.3	7.5	5.0	5.8	4.9	4.8	7.1	6.3	4.8	6.2	3.2	4.2	0.2	2.4	*
Misc. prods.	11.4	8.4	10.3	8.7	7.7	9.4	11.2	11.7	9.5	8.1	6.6	8.4	0.1	2.6	*
Mach. & other	2.8	3.0	4.2	2.5	2.2	2.8	4.0	2.9	3.1	3.0	1.7	2.3	0.3	0.6	0.2
Nondurable goods	11.0	7.9	9.7	6.5	6.3	7.8	9.1	10.2	8.8	6.7	4.8	6.8	1.3	4.3	0.8
Food & kindred	13.0	8.7	3.8	7.8	8.3	3.2	9.6	9.7	4.4	7.3	4.8	3.0	1.0	4.3	0.7
Textile mill pds.*															
Apparel	12.7	7.5	9.5	7.5	5.6	8.0	11.4	12.6	10.4	8.1	4.8	8.0	1.1	5.6	0.4
Paper & allied	2.5	2.6	1.2	1.7	2.5	1.1	3.5	2.7	2.1	2.5	1.9	1.6	0.4	0.2	0.1
Prt.pub.&allied *															
Lea. & lea. pds.	17.6	11.3	15.1	7.7	7.1	11.6	13.0	18.5	13.1	7.9	6.9	10.3	4.5	11.0	2.0
Lea. tan & fin.	3.5	9.6	5.2	3.4	9.6	5.2	6.9	5.2	6.1	5.4	4.4	5.4	0.7	*	*
Footwear	21.3	12.2	16.0	9.0	6.5	12.3	14.7	21.8	13.9	8.7	7.6	10.8	5.4	13.6	2.3
Other nondurable	8.7	9.0	12.2	7.3	8.3	9.7	8.5	7.0	9.2	6.9	5.3	6.8	0.5	0.5	0.3

* Not published due to inadequate sample

** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 325 cooperating establishments representing 65 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including August 12, 1979.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

Hiring activity in New Hampshire factories increased from 6.1 per 100 workers in July to 7.7 per 100 in August. New hires accounted for about two-thirds of the hiring activity. Separations at 7.3 per 100 showed little overall change from month to month. Although layoffs were down substantially, the rise in quits were offsetting.

Compared with a year ago, the total accession rate was unchanged. Although new hires went down (from 6.0 to 5.3 per 100), recalls rose from 1.1 to 2.2 per 100 workers. The rate of separations rose over the year from 6.6 to 7.3 per 100 workers. Both the quit rate and the layoff rate were up this year.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978	Sept. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sept. 1978
All manufacturing	\$223.41	\$220.18	\$204.12	40.4	40.4	40.5	\$5.53	\$5.45	\$5.04
Durable goods	227.05	221.90	211.45	40.4	40.2	40.9	5.62	5.52	5.17
Lumber & wood pds.	195.32	192.66	185.10	38.0	39.0	39.3	5.14	4.94	4.71
Furniture & fixtures	199.18	197.55	185.06	40.9	40.9	41.4	4.87	4.83	4.47
Stone & clay pds.	223.10	237.63	222.03	38.8	40.9	41.5	5.75	5.81	5.35
Primary metal pds.	253.52	246.16	231.85	44.4	43.8	44.5	5.71	5.62	5.21
Fab. metal prods.	224.13	220.32	213.19	41.2	40.8	42.3	5.44	5.40	5.04
Mach. (exc. elec.)	246.29	240.70	227.42	42.1	41.5	41.5	5.85	5.80	5.48
Electrical prods.	218.01	211.14	206.00	39.0	38.6	40.0	5.59	5.47	5.15
Miscellaneous pds.	169.17	168.58	159.60	38.8	38.4	40.0	4.36	4.39	3.99
Other durable	242.20	231.47	214.94	40.1	39.5	40.1	6.04	5.86	5.36
Nondurable goods	218.97	216.93	194.71	40.4	40.7	39.9	5.42	5.33	4.88
Food & kindred pds.	273.70	273.05	248.82	42.9	43.0	43.5	6.38	6.35	5.72
Textile mill prods.	181.76	175.33	172.08	39.6	39.4	40.3	4.59	4.45	4.27
Apparel	174.90	160.86	156.02	40.3	38.3	39.8	4.34	4.20	3.92
Paper & allied pds.	329.11	325.35	280.90	50.4	49.9	46.2	6.53	6.52	6.08
Print., pub. & allied	246.31	249.27	229.51	39.6	40.4	39.3	6.22	6.17	5.84
Leather & lea. prods.	154.15	160.88	143.54	35.6	37.5	36.9	4.33	4.29	3.89
Lea. tan. & fin.	239.37	236.77	210.14	39.5	39.2	39.8	6.06	6.04	5.28
Footwear	142.04	150.29	135.42	34.9	37.2	36.6	4.07	4.04	3.70
Other nondurable	224.87	221.29	199.02	39.8	39.8	39.1	5.65	5.56	5.09

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 268 co-operating firms representing approximately 57 percent of an estimated 85,840 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including September 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Hourly earnings of production workers in New Hampshire factories rose eight cents in September to \$5.53, 9.7 percent higher than a year ago. Hours of work were unchanged at 40.4 hours. Average weekly earnings were \$223.41 in September, up \$3.23 from August and \$19.29, or 9.5 percent, over the year.

In durable goods, hourly earnings rose ten cents over the month to \$5.62, 8.7 percent higher than a year ago. Hours of work were up 0.2 hour over the month to 40.4 hours but were 0.5 hour below September 1978. Weekly earnings increased \$5.15 from August to \$227.05 and were \$15.60 (7.4 percent) above a year ago.

In nondurables, hourly earnings went up nine cents from August to \$5.42, a level 11.1 percent higher than September 1978. Hours of work declined 0.3 hour in September to 40.4 hours but were 0.5 hour above a year earlier. Average weekly earnings were \$218.97 in September, up \$2.04 from August and \$24.26 (12.5 percent) over the year.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - September	223.7				
Percent in 12 months	12.4				

Year Average	195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year	7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1

All Urban Consumers

New Index

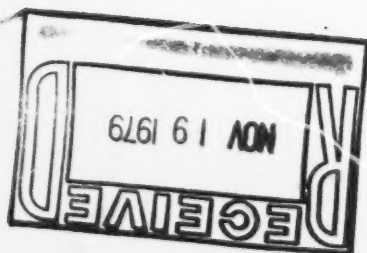
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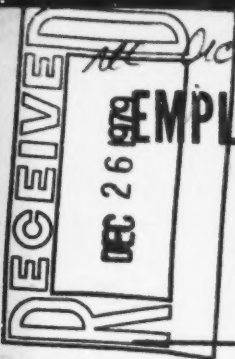
Year Average	195.4
Percent increase each year	7.7

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SUMMARY: Employment fell in October and unemployment rose. The State's overall unemployment rate was 2.9 percent, up slightly from the 2.8 percent in the previous two months. The number of unemployed persons 13,520, edged up from the level of the previous month but was 1,250 below a year earlier. The rate in October 1978 was 3.3 percent. Unadjusted national rates were 5.6 percent this year and 5.4 percent a year ago

The civilian labor force was 453,990 in October, down 3,320 from September and 16,630 higher than October a year ago. The over-the-month declines in labor force and employment reflected seasonal changes. Most tourist and recreational establishments sharply curtail or close operations in the fall months.

Consumer prices continued to climb in October. The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose to 225.4 (1967=100), up 12.2 percent from a year ago. The index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers stood at 225.6 percent of the 1967 average, up 12.4 percent from a year earlier.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonfarm payroll employment dropped 1,900 in October to 393,400 as job losses took place in trade and services, particularly in resort and recreational areas. Payroll employment increased 16,950 over the year with job gains in service-producing industries accounting for three-fourths of the increase.

Manufacturing had an overall month-to-month rise of 200 and an over-the-year gain of 2,800. This is the smallest year-to-year increase since the 1974 - 1975 recession years. Construction lost 300 jobs in October but gained 1,450 over the year.

Services had a 2,250 worker reduction as tourist related and amusement activities curtailed operations for the season. Although some trade establishments added workers to process the autumn increase in retail sales, curtailments in tourist and recreational areas more than offset the gains for a net loss of 1,700. Total government added 2,150 jobs in October as a result of state university and college reopening which increased state government by 1,600.

Since October 1978, the service-producing sector added 12,700 jobs, or three for one added in the goods-producing sector. Trade establishments added 5,550 and services 4,250. Government went up 1,600 and the finance, insurance and real estate increased by 1,100.

NEW HAMPSHIRE EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION PROJECTED TO 1990: Nonfarm wage and salary employment in New Hampshire is projected to average 3.4 percent annually through the 1980's. Will there be enough workers? The expanding economy has brought more specialized and complex jobs which along with traditional occupations offers New Hampshire workers a wider range of occupational choices, both now and in the future. More than 250,000 new workers will be needed during the 1980's. This information is provided in a report which will be available next month entitled "New Hampshire Employment by Occupation Projected to 1990."

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Percent of labor force	2.9	2.8	3.3	xx	xx
3. Employment total	445,420	449,380	427,590	-3,960	17,830
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	50	0	0	50	50
Nonagr. wage & salary **	393,400	395,300	376,450	-1,900	16,950
Manufacturing	114,700	114,500	111,900	200	2,800
Durable goods	69,500	69,250	65,600	250	3,900
Lumber & wood prods.	5,650	5,550	5,400	100	250
Furniture & fixtures	2,100	2,050	2,050	50	50
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Primary metal prods.	3,200	3,200	2,950	0	250
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,250	6,900	-50	300
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,350	20,300	19,250	50	1,100
Electrical prods.	17,750	17,650	16,650	100	1,100
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,050	1,750	-50	250
Other durable goods	8,250	8,200	7,850	50	400
Nondurable goods	45,200	45,250	46,300	-50	-1,100
Food & kindred prods.	3,450	3,450	3,450	0	0
Textile mill prods.	5,250	5,300	5,350	-50	-100
Apparel	2,800	2,800	3,100	0	-300
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,450	6,350	100	200
Print., pub. & allied	6,200	6,150	5,900	50	300
Leather & lea. prods.	10,050	10,200	11,400	-150	-1,350
Other nondurable goods	10,900	10,900	10,750	0	150
Nonmanufacturing	278,700	280,800	264,550	-2,100	14,150
Construction (inc. min.)	23,050	23,350	21,600	-300	1,450
Trans., comm. & util	13,900	13,850	13,700	50	200
Trade	88,900	90,600	83,350	-1,700	5,550
Fin., ins. & real estate	18,950	19,000	17,850	-50	1,100
Service industry & other	71,350	73,600	67,100	-2,250	4,250
Government	62,550	60,400	60,950	2,150	1,600
Federal	11,550	11,650	11,150	-100	400
State	17,300	15,700	16,500	1,600	800
Local	33,700	33,050	33,300	650	400

*By place of residence

**By place of establishment

Benchmark: March 1978

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	October 1979		October 1978		October		Unem- ployment	Labor Force
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1979	1978		
New Hampshire	13,520	2.9	14,770	3.3	458,990	442,360	-1,250	16,630
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	800	3.9	960	4.4	20,280	21,940	-160	-1,660
Claremont	1,010	2.7	1,010	2.8	36,800	36,530	0	270
Concord	1,270	2.9	1,510	3.5	43,780	42,970	-240	810
Dover	1,540	3.1	1,650	3.6	50,400	46,280	-110	4,120
Keene	1,050	2.7	990	2.6	39,380	38,270	60	1,110
Laconia	1,080	2.6	1,090	2.7	41,200	39,820	-10	1,380
Littleton	780	5.2	1,140	7.0	15,050	16,310	-360	-1,260
Manchester	2,240	2.6	2,710	3.3	85,150	82,800	-470	2,350
Nashua	1,860	3.0	1,810	3.0	62,790	59,860	50	2,930
Portsmouth	1,040	2.5	1,030	2.9	41,080	35,220	10	5,860
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	850	3.7	870	3.9	23,080	22,360	-20	720
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	590	2.8	610	3.0	20,900	20,220	-20	680
Carroll	220	1.7	250	2.0	12,660	12,800	-30	-140
Cheshire	950	2.7	920	2.7	35,070	34,100	30	970
Coos	890	4.8	1,260	6.2	18,610	20,290	-370	-1,680
Grafton	1,240	3.6	1,360	3.9	34,240	34,640	-120	-400
Hillsborough	3,730	2.8	4,000	3.2	131,170	126,370	-270	4,800
Merrimack	1,460	2.9	1,630	3.3	50,540	49,450	-170	1,090
Rockingham	2,490	2.7	2,680	3.2	90,800	83,370	-190	7,430
Strafford	1,450	3.1	1,530	3.6	46,040	42,260	-80	3,780
Sullivan	500	2.6	530	2.8	18,960	18,860	-30	100

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "70 Step Method" Handbook, unadjusted.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns,

Total and Per Capita Personal Income

State and Region	Total Personal Income (Millions of Dollars)			Percent Changes 1977-1978	Per Capita Personal Income			Percent Change 1977-1978
	1969	1977	1978		1969	1977	1978	
United States	\$746,449	\$1,519,893	\$1,702,860	12.0	\$3,708	\$ 7,026	\$ 7,810	11.2
New England	47,121	87,991	97,642	11.0	4,015	7,188	7,967	10.8
Connecticut	13,902	25,036	27,620	10.3	4,634	8,055	8,914	10.7
Maine	3,006	6,240	6,912	10.8	2,801	5,751	6,333	10.1
Massachusetts	22,854	41,988	46,553	10.9	4,045	7,262	8,063	11.0
New Hampshire	2,528	5,582	6,339	13.5	3,492	6,578	7,277	10.6
Rhode Island	3,459	6,332	7,035	11.1	3,711	6,775	7,526	11.1
Vermont	1,372	2,814	3,185	13.2	3,139	5,822	6,541	12.3
Mideast	176,071	317,849	348,369	9.6	4,181	7,484	8,251	10.2
Great Lakes	157,831	303,531	336,765	10.9	3,955	7,393	8,167	10.5
Plains	56,808	115,076	129,879	12.9	3,506	6,816	7,632	12.0
Southeast	129,430	295,549	333,296	12.8	2,979	6,057	6,756	11.5
Southwest	53,173	127,139	145,425	14.4	3,257	6,647	7,473	12.4
Rocky Mountains	16,206	39,137	45,387	16.0	3,279	6,620	7,485	13.1
Far West	105,515	222,549	254,313	14.3	4,122	7,791	8,718	11.9
Alaska	1,249	4,275	4,370	2.2	4,219	10,497	10,851	3.4
Hawaii	3,045	6,797	7,414	9.1	4,098	7,704	8,380	8.8

Source: Survey of Current Business, August 1978 and April 1979, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Personal income which includes wage and salary, proprietors' income (farm and nonfarm), dividends, interest and rent, and transfer payments increased 12.0 percent from 1977 to 1978, well above the 7.7 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index. The New England region, the Great Lakes, and Alaska and Hawaii reflected rates of increase below the national average. The Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Far West regions had the highest overall increases in personal income.

Per capita personal income averaged \$7,810 in 1978, up 11.2 percent from 1977. All New England states except Vermont registered increase rates below the national average. Connecticut and Massachusetts have the two highest per capita income in 1978, New Hampshire with \$7,277 ranked fourth.

Since 1969, per capita personal income more than doubled (110.6 percent) comparing favorably with the rise of 78 percent in the Consumer Price Index. For the New England region, per capita income rose 98.4 percent during the nine years. Within the region, Maine recorded a 126.1 percent increase and Vermont and New Hampshire 108.4 percent. However, Connecticut and Massachusetts recorded increases of 92.4 percent and 99.3 percent respectively.

In all other regions except the Mideast, income more than doubled. Construction of the Alaskan Pipe Line is reflected in the sharp rise from 196.9.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	3,398	14,427	39	178	27	63	115	544
Berlin	355	1,190		10	3		6	21
Claremont	170	454	1		4	5	4	22
Concord	255	1,185	3	13	9	15	4	28
Dover	609		12	40	1	10	29	167
Keene	145	665	4	5	2	9	6	19
Laconia	294	765	7	22	4	9	8	39
Littleton	400	1,136	2	5	3	3	4	14
Manchester	593	2,972	4	41	1	6	23	76
Nashua	326	2,028	1	26		2	10	75
Portsmouth	251	1,213	5	16		4	21	83
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	374	1,764	10	33	1	1		
City of Dover	23	73						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was \$82.00.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	Sept. 1979	Sept. 1978	Percent change
Total - all industries	4,295	3,212	33.7
Manufacturing	2,453	1,385	77.1
Durable goods	523	482	8.5
Electrical products	139	154	-9.7
Machinery	82	105	-21.9
Lumber & wood pds.	37	35	5.7
All other durable	265	189	40.2
Nondurable goods	1,930	903	113.7
Leather & lea. pds.	1,108	462	139.8
Textiles	30	57	-47.4
Paper & paper prods.	15	94	-84.0
Printing & allied	40	27	48.1
Apparel	52	67	-22.3
Rubber & plastic pds.	643	137	369.3
Other nondurable	42	59	-28.8
Nonmanufacturing	1,842	1,827	0.8
Construction	396	405	-2.2
Trade	576	524	9.9
Services	559	615	-9.1
All other nonmfg.	311	283	9.9

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including September 12, 1979. Insured unemployment increased 576 from August to 4,295 in September. All major industry divisions shared in the increase. Over half (56 percent) of the insured unemployed were women. Two-thirds of the insured unemployed had five or more weeks duration of unemployment. By occupation, 37 percent were bench workers, 18 percent clerical and sales, and 17 percent professional, technical and managerial.

Since September 1978, insured unemployment increased 33.7 percent, due to substantial increases in unemployment in leather products and in rubber and plastic products. Over the year, foreign imports caused curtailments and some factory closings in these two industries.

FUND BALANCE: There was \$76,175,952.26 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of September. Net contributions amounted to \$110,035.71 and net benefits paid were \$976,594.96.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.	Sep.	Aug.	Sep.
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Manufacturing	5.7	7.8	6.8	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.8	7.5	6.9	4.5	5.7	4.9	0.4	0.8	1.0
Durable goods	4.8	5.9	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.0	4.9	6.4	5.0	3.9	5.0	3.9	0.2	0.4	0.3
Lmbr. & wood pds.*															
Furn. & fixtures*															
Stone & clay pds.	4.7	4.9	6.4	2.2	3.9	6.2	6.2	10.5	5.5	4.5	5.5	4.7	0.6	3.3	0.1
Prim. metal pds.	4.9	6.0	5.3	4.9	6.0	5.2	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	3.4	0.1	0.1	**
Fab. metal pds.	5.1	11.5	7.4	4.7	6.1	7.0	4.7	7.2	6.9	3.6	5.9	5.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
Electrical pds.	6.2	6.3	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.1	6.6	7.1	5.2	5.6	6.2	4.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Misc. prods.	8.4	11.5	12.3	6.9	8.8	11.5	8.3	11.1	10.1	6.4	8.0	8.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
Mach. & other	2.0	3.3	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.0	4.6	3.4	2.2	3.4	2.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
Nondurable goods	7.2	10.7	9.0	6.4	6.6	7.2	7.3	9.2	9.7	5.6	6.8	6.5	0.6	1.3	2.0
Food & kindred	7.6	13.1	4.0	7.4	7.7	3.6	8.3	9.6	10.0	7.0	7.3	5.9	0.2	1.0	3.8
Textile mill pds.*															
Apparel	7.0	12.6	9.4	5.8	7.5	8.5	6.9	11.4	9.2	5.3	8.1	6.4	0.3	1.1	0.8
Paper & allied	2.3	2.4	1.6	2.1	1.7	1.4	3.2	3.5	2.1	2.6	2.5	1.6	0.1	0.4	**
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	10.3	16.9	9.8	9.3	8.5	9.5	9.7	12.1	10.4	7.3	8.5	8.7	1.4	2.9	0.7
Lea. tan & fin.	2.8	3.9	1.9	2.8	3.7	1.9	2.1	7.5	3.5	1.8	5.9	3.5	**	0.8	**
Footwear	10.3	18.4	10.8	9.2	8.6	10.5	12.2	14.0	12.2	7.7	8.7	10.1	3.4	4.6	0.9
Other nondurable	7.2	8.7	14.3	6.4	7.3	8.4	7.5	8.5	14.4	5.6	6.9	7.6	0.7	0.5	5.1

* Not published due to inadequate sample

** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighed series based on reports from 318 cooperating establishments representing 62 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including September 12, 1979.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

The accession rate at 5.7 in September was down substantially from the 7.8 per 100 workers in August. The new hire rate fell from 5.5 to 5.1 and recalls dropped from 2.1 to 0.3 per 100 workers. Nearly all industries posted decreased activity in September.

Separations followed a similar pattern with the rate falling from 7.5 per 100 in August to 5.8 in September. The quit rate dropped from 5.7 to 4.5 and layoffs declined from 0.8 to 0.4 per 100 workers.

All accession rates and all separation rates were below the level recored a year ago. The new hire rate an indication of job availability, was 5.9 in September 1978 and 5.1 per 100 this year. The quit rate, a measure of worker mobility was 4.9 per 100 last year and 4.5 per 100 this year. Electrical products, food products and paper were the only industries showing increased rates in hiring and job leaving from a year ago.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
All manufacturing	\$221.92	\$223.26	\$204.62	39.7	40.3	40.2	\$5.59	5.54	\$5.09
Durable goods	224.87	226.49	211.12	39.8	40.3	40.6	5.65	5.62	5.20
Lumber & wood pds.	186.61	195.32	182.03	37.1	38.0	39.4	5.03	5.14	4.62
Furniture & fixtures	218.03	201.47	183.72	42.5	41.2	41.1	5.13	5.89	4.47
Stone & clay pds.	215.87	214.33	218.40	36.9	36.7	41.6	5.85	5.84	5.25
Primary metal pds.	254.25	253.52	218.92	45.0	44.4	42.1	5.65	5.71	5.20
Fab. metal prods.	221.54	225.50	211.26	40.5	41.3	42.0	5.47	5.46	5.03
Mach. (exc. elec.)	241.43	246.29	233.79	41.2	42.1	41.6	5.86	5.85	5.62
Electrical prods.	221.55	218.01	205.01	38.8	39.0	39.5	5.71	5.59	5.19
Miscellaneous pds.	167.93	169.17	159.51	37.4	38.8	39.0	4.49	4.36	4.09
Other durable	235.80	241.80	213.86	39.3	40.1	39.9	6.00	6.03	5.36
Nondurable goods	217.80	218.29	194.83	39.6	40.2	39.6	5.50	5.43	4.92
Food & kindred pds.	270.27	273.48	248.89	42.9	43.0	42.4	6.30	6.36	5.87
Textile mill prods.	178.55	182.22	169.88	38.9	39.7	39.6	4.59	4.59	4.29
Apparel	170.86	174.90	152.09	37.8	40.3	39.3	4.52	4.34	3.87
Paper & allied pds.	327.85	328.51	292.88	49.3	49.4	47.7	6.65	6.65	6.14
Print., pub. & allied	243.66	245.74	216.41	39.3	39.7	37.9	6.20	6.19	5.71
Leather & lea. prods.	152.43	153.56	141.05	34.1	35.3	35.8	4.47	4.35	3.94
Lea. tan. & fin.	239.16	239.37	201.25	39.4	39.5	37.9	6.07	6.06	5.31
Footwear	139.68	141.45	132.75	33.1	34.5	35.4	4.22	4.10	3.75
Other nondurable	226.46	224.87	202.47	39.8	39.8	39.7	5.69	5.65	5.10

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 266 co-operating firms representing approximately 57 percent of an estimated 85,910 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including September 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers in New Hampshire factories rose five cents from September to \$5.59, 50 cents higher than October 1978. Average weekly earnings were \$221.92 in October down \$1.34 from September but up \$17.30 over the year. The workweek averaged 39.7 hours in October, down 0.6 hours from the previous month and 0.5 hours from a year ago. Workers in hard goods averaged \$5.65 an hour, up three cents from September and 45 cents over the year. Hours of work fell 0.5 hour from the previous month to 39.8 hours in October and reflected a drop of 0.8 hour over the year. Average weekly earnings at \$224.87 in October were down \$1.62 from September but up \$13.75 from a year ago. In nondurable goods, hourly earnings averaged \$5.50, up seven cents from September and 58 cents over the year. The average workweek was 39.6 hours, down 0.6 hour from September but unchanged from the level of a year ago. Average weekly earnings were \$217.80 in October, down 49 cents from the prior month but unchanged over the year. Although average hourly earnings of all production workers increased 9.8 percent over the year, the shorter workweek held the increase in weekly earnings to 8.5 percent.

In durable goods, hourly earnings went up 8.7 percent but weekly earnings rose 6.5 percent because of the decline in hours worked. In nondurables, hourly earnings and weekly earnings rose 11.8 percent with no change in the average workweek.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</u>					
Revised Index					
Current month - October	225.6				
Percent in 12 months	12.4				
Year Average		195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year		7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1

All Urban Consumers

New Index					
Current month - October	225.4				
Percent in 12 months	12.2				
Year Average		195.4			
Percent increase each year		7.7			

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SUMMARY: The civilian labor force decreased by 2,680 from October to November reflecting seasonal reductions in services. Total unemployment increased slightly by 130 to number 13,650 in mid-November which represented 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force of 456,310. A year ago there were 13,990 unemployed at a 3.2 percent rate. Comparable rates for the nation were 5.6 percent this year and 5.5 percent last year.

The Consumer Price Index indicators edged upward in November for All Urban consumers reaching 227.5 (12.6 percent above a year ago) and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers reaching 227.6 (12.8 percent above a year ago).

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural employment as measured by the monthly establishment survey indicates a decline of 1,800 from October to November. Both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing segments had over the month job losses. Nonmanufacturing decreased by 1,650. The largest decrease was in services as seasonal establishments curtailed operations or closed for the season and employment declined by 2,450. Each year following the end of the fall foliage season some hotels, inns, motel and recreation units close shortly after the Columbus Day Holiday period. Construction employment dropped by 400 as some projects were finished. Government added on 800 workers in local government. The trade division had an increase of 450 as some department stores trained part-time help for the Christmas business rush. Employment gains in manufacturing were centered in machinery (1000), electrical products (100), other durable (50) and paper and allied products (50). Employment losses occurred in leather and leather products, printing, publishing and allied products (150 each) and in lumber and wood products, furniture and fixtures and other nondurable (50 each).

The year ago comparisons indicate a gain of 16,000 in nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing is up by 2,300 with the principal gains in electrical products (1,100) and machinery (1,050). The largest job loss was in leather and leather products (1,250) as foreign imports continue to plague footwear employers. Nonmanufacturing with 13,700 more jobs experienced job gains in every division led by trade with 5,950, followed by services with 3,550 more jobs reflecting the continuing demand for more goods and services.

Government had a rise of 1,700. The construction division had 1,150 more jobs. Finance, insurance and real estate increased employment by 1,150 reflecting the demand for increased banking services, brokerage sales, housing and rental developments. The smallest increase was in transportation, communications and utilities with 200 more jobs as higher energy costs have kept employment gains to a minimum.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force	456,310	458,990	440,610	-2,680	15,700
2. Unemployment	13,650	13,520	13,990	130	-340
Percent of labor force	3.0	2.9	3.2	xx	xx
3. Employment total	442,660	445,420	426,620	-2,760	16,040
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	50	0	-50	0
Nonagr. wage & salary	392,000	393,800	376,000	-1,800	16,000
Manufacturing	114,550	114,700	112,250	-150	2,300
Durable goods	69,650	69,500	66,250	150	3,400
Lumber & wood prods.	5,600	5,650	5,400	-50	200
Furniture & fixtures	2,050	2,100	2,100	-50	-50
Stone & clay prods.	2,950	2,950	2,800	0	150
Primary metal prods.	3,250	3,150	3,000	0	150
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,200	7,000	0	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,500	20,400	19,450	100	1,050
Electrical prods.	17,900	17,800	16,800	100	1,100
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,000	1,750	0	250
Other durable goods	8,300	8,250	7,950	50	350
Nondurable goods	44,900	45,200	46,000	-300	-1,100
Food & kindred prods.	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	00
Textile mill prods.	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Apparel	2,800	2,800	3,100	0	-300
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,450	6,300	50	200
Print., pub. & allied	6,050	6,200	5,700	-150	350
Leather & lea. prods.	9,950	10,100	11,200	-150	-1,250
Other nondurable goods	10,900	10,950	10,900	-50	0
Nonmanufacturing	277,450	279,100	263,750	-1,650	13,700
Construction (inc. min.)	22,650	23,050	21,500	-400	1,150
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,900	13,650	-50	200
Trade	89,700	89,250	83,750	450	5,950
Fin., ins. & real estate	18,950	18,950	17,800	0	1,150
Service industry & other	68,900	71,350	65,350	-1,450	3,550
Government	63,400	62,600	61,700	800	1,700
Federal	11,550	11,600	11,100	-50	450
State	17,350	17,300	16,300	50	1,050
Local	34,500	33,700	34,300	800	200

*Based on place of residence

**Based on place of employment

Benchmark March 1978

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	November 1979 Number Percent		November= 1978 Number Percent		1979	1978	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
New Hampshire	13,650	3.0	13,990	3.2	456,310	440,610	-340	15,700
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,020	5.2	910	4.3	19,710	21,070	110	-1,360
Claremont	740	2.0	940	2.6	36,450	36,690	-200	-240
Concord	1,130	2.6	1,260	3.0	43,570	42,710	-130	860
Dover	1,470	2.9	2,210	4.7	50,120	47,040	-740	3,080
Keene	970	2.5	810	2.1	39,100	38,160	160	940
Laconia	1,070	2.7	1,140	2.9	40,360	39,430	-70	930
Littleton	870	6.1	620	4.3	14,180	14,340	250	-160
Manchester	2,610	3.0	2,450	2.9	85,880	83,540	160	2,340
Nashua	1,800	2.9	1,630	2.8	62,960	58,980	170	3,980
Portsmouth	1,210	2.9	1,030	2.9	41,060	35,570	180	5,490
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA**	760	3.3	990	4.3	22,920	23,080	-230	-160
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	600	2.9	580	2.9	20,500	19,980	20	520
Carroll	320	2.6	370	2.9	12,410	12,640	-50	-230
Cheshire	920	2.6	750	2.2	34,860	34,000	170	860
Coos	1,050	5.8	940	4.9	17,950	19,010	110	-1,060
Grafton	1,110	3.3	1,120	3.4	33,210	33,330	-10	-120
Hillsborough	3,860	2.9	3,590	2.9	131,760	125,960	270	5,800
Merrimack	1,210	2.4	1,440	2.9	50,090	49,230	-230	860
Rockingham	2,730	3.0	2,750	3.2	90,860	84,660	-20	6,200
Strafford	1,380	3.0	2,000	4.7	45,780	42,910	-620	2,870
Sullivan	470	2.5	450	2.4	18,890	18,890	20	0

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "70 Step Method" Handbook, unadjusted

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	4,400	15,206	24	153	10	67	130	582
Berlin	381	1,717	3	12	1	2	8	24
Claremont	209	595	2	1		4	12	30
Concord	256	1,056		18	5	20	10	34
Dover	1,037	2,082	5	25		4	24	150
Keene	238	713	1	1		8	11	37
Laconia	405	1,629	2	16	1	10	7	36
Littleton	218	1,621	1	4		11	2	12
Manchester	936	2,740	5	43	1	4	19	99
Nashua	402	1,707	1	19	1		14	51
Portsmouth	318	1,706	4	14	1	4	23	109
Not included above: Liable Interstate City of Dover	417	1,834	5	27			3	15

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was \$80.23.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	October		Percent change
	1979	1978	
Total - all industries	3,251	2,264	43.6
Manufacturing	1,635	1,005	62.7
Durable goods	315	295	6.8
Electrical products	71	108	-34.3
Machinery	45	57	-21.1
Lumber & wood pds.	30	25	20.0
All other durable	169	105	61.0
Nondurable goods	1,320	710	85.9
Leather & lea. pds.	951	241	294.6
Textiles	26	39	-33.3
Paper & paper prods.	24	41	-41.5
Printing & allied	37	22	68.2
Apparel	75	55	36.4
Rubber & plastic pds.	169	284	-40.5
Other nondurable	38	28	35.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,616	1,259	28.4
Construction	307	298	3.0
Trade	471	353	33.4
Services	603	412	46.4
All other nonmfg.	235	196	19.9

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks claimed for the week including October 12, 1979. Insured unemployment as measured by weeks claimed decreased 1,044 in October to 3,251 of which 53 percent were female. All other durables, leather, printing and services registered the largest percent changes in the number of insured unemployed.

Since October 1978 insured unemployment increased 43.6 percent. The number of insured unemployed out of work 1-4 weeks was 37 percent of the total whereas 47.5 percent were jobless 5-14 weeks. The 15 weeks or more group was 15.3 percent of the total. The age group 25-34 represented 30.5 percent of the insured unemployed whereas the age group of 35-44 and 45-54 accounted for 16 percent.

FUND BALANCE: There was \$78,731,894.00 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of October. Net contributions amounted to \$2,505,937.32 and net benefits paid were \$1,336,662.27. Interest credited amounted to \$1,386,666.69.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1978	1978
Manufacturing	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	6.0	5.2	3.9	4.7	3.8	0.6	0.4	0.5
Durable goods	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.2	5.1	3.5	3.3	4.2	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.3
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures															
Stone & clay pds.	8.0	4.7	6.9	5.2	2.1	6.7	4.3	6.1	5.7	3.7	4.4	4.8	0.3	0.6	0.2
Prim. metal pds.	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.2	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.0	1.0	0.1	*
Fab. metal pds.	4.9	5.8	9.0	4.4	5.4	8.4	5.0	5.5	6.8	3.2	4.5	5.4	1.0	0.3	0.7
Electrical pds.	5.1	6.2	3.9	4.7	5.6	3.6	4.4	6.6	2.7	3.7	5.6	2.2	0.2	0.2	*
Misc. prods.	5.6	9.5	7.0	5.6	8.1	6.9	9.0	10.1	9.0	6.8	8.5	5.0	0.9	0.1	1.4
Mach. & other	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.2
Nondurable goods	7.7	7.1	7.9	6.6	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.5	5.1	5.7	5.4	1.0	0.6	0.9
Food & kindred	7.6	7.6	7.0	7.3	7.4	6.7	7.2	8.4	5.0	5.1	7.1	3.9	0.8	0.2	0.3
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	7.0	7.0	8.3	6.3	5.8	7.6	7.1	7.2	7.6	5.1	5.6	4.8	0.9	0.3	0.8
Paper & allied	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.9	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.2	1.7	1.3	2.6	1.1	*	0.1	0.3
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Lea. & lea. pds.	13.0	10.5	7.9	10.9	9.6	7.3	11.1	10.1	9.7	7.9	7.8	7.6	2.5	1.3	1.2
Lea. tan & fin.	8.4	2.8	3.1	8.1	2.8	3.1	7.5	2.1	4.0	5.2	1.8	3.9	1.7	*	*
Footwear	13.9	10.6	8.3	10.5	9.5	7.7	13.5	12.5	10.3	7.5	8.3	7.9	5.2	3.2	1.4
Other nondurable	7.7	7.2	12.2	6.5	6.4	8.7	7.0	7.5	9.6	5.3	5.6	7.1	0.6	0.7	0.8

* Not pulished due to inadequate sample

** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 317 cooperating establishments representing 61 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including October 12, 1979.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

Accession activity remained at the same level in October as in September 5.8 per 100 workers. Durable goods had a decrease and nondurable goods had an increase.

The total separation rate decreased from 6.0 to 5.3 percent. The quit rate decreased from 4.7 to 3.9 per 100 workers. All industries except leather and leather products had lower quit rates. The layoff rate increased from 0.4 to 0.6 per 100 workers. Both durable and nondurable goods had higher layoff rates.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
All manufacturing	\$223.51	\$221.53	\$209.30	39.7	39.7	40.8	\$5.63	\$5.58	\$5.13
Durable goods	230.11	224.47	217.88	40.3	39.8	41.5	5.71	5.64	5.25
Lumber & wood pds.	188.63	184.87	193.60	37.5	36.9	40.0	5.03	5.01	4.84
Furniture & fixtures	210.25	216.75	180.75	41.8	42.5	39.9	5.03	5.10	4.53
Stone & clay pds.	227.67	225.20	235.09	38.2	38.3	42.9	5.96	5.88	5.48
Primary metal pds.	243.81	245.72	220.58	43.0	43.8	42.5	5.67	5.61	5.19
Fab. metal prods.	229.07	221.25	205.26	41.2	40.3	41.3	5.56	5.49	4.97
Mach. (exc. elec.)	251.64	240.44	250.17	41.8	41.1	44.2	6.02	5.85	5.66
Electrical prods.	226.12	221.55	206.80	39.6	38.8	40.0	5.71	5.71	5.17
Miscellaneous pds.	175.03	168.38	167.56	38.3	37.5	39.8	4.57	4.49	4.21
Other durable	236.79	236.40	218.02	39.4	39.4	40.3	6.01	6.00	5.41
Nondurable goods	212.85	216.86	196.61	38.7	39.5	39.8	5.50	5.49	4.94
Food & kindred pds.	274.05	270.72	251.42	43.5	42.7	43.2	6.30	6.34	5.82
Textile mill prods.	175.64	178.94	172.70	38.1	38.9	39.7	4.61	4.60	4.35
Apparel	166.49	164.05	149.00	38.9	37.8	38.5	4.28	4.34	3.87
Paper & allied pds.	319.38	322.39	292.40	48.1	48.7	47.7	6.64	6.62	6.13
Print., pub. & allied	232.47	241.96	225.58	37.8	38.9	39.3	6.15	6.22	5.74
Leather & lea. prods.	144.37	152.43	143.28	31.8	34.1	36.0	4.54	4.47	3.98
Lea. tan. & fin.	247.28	244.22	229.52	41.7	40.5	42.9	5.93	6.03	5.35
Footwear	127.80	138.84	131.20	30.0	32.9	34.8	4.26	4.22	3.77
Other nondurable	228.23	228.40	203.26	39.9	40.0	39.7	5.72	5.71	5.12

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 265 co-operating firms representing approximately 57 percent of an estimated 85,820 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including November 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Production workers averaged a gain of five cents an hour from October to November. The average workweek remained unchanged at 39.7 hours and average weekly earnings increased by \$1.98 from October to November.

Average hourly earnings increased by seven cents in durable goods. The average work-week climbed to over 40.0 hours reaching 40.3 in mid-November. Average weekly earnings jumped by \$5.64 with machinery at \$251.64 posting the highest weekly earnings.

Average hourly earnings in nondurable goods went up one cent to \$5.50 in November. The factory workweek declined from 39.5 to 38.7 hours as footwear had the largest decrease. Average weekly earnings decreased by \$4.01 from the previous month.

Year ago comparisons indicated a 50 cents increase in hourly earnings, a decrease of 1.1 hours in the workweek and an increase of \$14.31 in average weekly earnings.

Employment Service Activity

Item	November 1979	October 1979	October 1979 to November 1979
Total applications for employment	5,725	17,427**	23,152
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,161	2,586	4,747
Placements - job openings filled	1,400	1,521	2,921
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,834	2,095	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,400	1,521	2,921
Berlin	120	99	219
Claremont	64	83	147
Concord	116	109	225
Dover	170	155	325
Keene	84	118	202
Laconia	101	114	215
Littleton	44	75	119
Manchester	282	342	624
Nashua	206	180	386
Portsmouth	213	246	459

* Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings

** Includes active applicants as of September 1979

At the end of November, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service offices was 13,220 of which 5,725 were new applicants or renewals. Forty-four percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 20 percent and 22 percent respectively. Approximately 15 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, sixty-nine percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active applicants with 40 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits decreased 5.8 percent from last month to 323 during November but exceeded a year ago by 37.4 percent. Visits to major market employers were up 6.8 percent from the previous month and 23.8 percent from a year ago reaching 125 in November 1979.

During November, employers placed orders for 2,161 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 4,256 openings available during the month. Of these 1,400 (33 percent) were filled and 1,834 remained unfilled at the end of the month (261 less than last month). Approximately 44 percent of the openings filled were in manufacturing, 27 percent trade and services, and 3 percent in construction. Nineteen percent of the placements were in the clerical occupational category while structural and sales accounted for fourteen percent.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - November	227.6				
Percent in 12 months	12.8				

Year Average	195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year	7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - November	227.5
Percent in 12 months	12.6

Year Average	195.4
Percent increase each year	7.7

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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Summary: The level of unemployment increased by 3,970 in December to reach 17,620 and the rate rose from 3.0 percent in November 1979 to 3.8 percent. Compared with a year ago total unemployment was lower by 90 workers and the rate lower by 0.2 percentage points. Nationally the current December rate was 5.6 percent similar to the year ago rate. New Hampshire experienced the second lowest rate of unemployment among all states in 1979 with an average rate of 3.1 percent with only the State of Wyoming having a lower rate of 2.8 percent. Nationally the average rate was 5.8 percent not seasonally adjusted.

The civilian labor force increased by 2,750 in December and the 459,060 represents a gain of 14,370 from a year ago. The largest gains were in Rockingham and Hillsborough counties.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers reached 229.9 in December, an increase of 13.3 percent from a year ago. During the year the index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was 230.0 in December (13.4 percent increase from December a year ago). The average was 217.7 representing an 11.5 percent rise from the previous year.

Major Employment Changes: Nonfarm employment declined by 1,250 reflecting some small factory shutdowns in manufacturing and seasonal reductions in construction and services divisions. Lack of snow affected some trade and service establishments involved with tourism and recreation related activities.

Year ago comparisons indicate a 2,100 gain in manufacturing led by the machinery and electrical products industries each with 1,400 more workers (growth in minicomputer field and related fields). Leather and leather products and textile mill products had the two greatest job losses with 1,300 and 350 respectively as foreign imports reduced domestic production needs. Over-the-year gains occurred in all manufacturing divisions. Only the local government sector decreased with 50 fewer workers. The trade division showed the largest numerical increase with 5,750 more workers. The growth in trade has slowed down. Some of this reflects the attitude of city and town populations wanting to limit growth in their surrounding area. The services division ranked next in additional jobs with a gain of 3,550. Demand for education, medical and business services continues. New Hampshire is the second fastest growing state east of the Mississippi with an annual population growth rate of 2.2 percent ranking next to Florida with its growth rate of 3.4 percent.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	December 1979	November 1979	December 1978	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force	459,060	456,310	444,690	2,750	14,370
2. Unemployment	17,620	13,650	17,710	3,970	-90
Percent of labor force	3.8	3.0	4.0	xxx	xx
3. Employment total	441,440	442,660	426,980	-1,220	14,460
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagr. wage & salary	391,000	392,250	376,500	-1,250	14,500
Manufacturing	114,400	114,750	112,300	-350	-2,100
Durable goods	70,300	70,300	66,350	0	3,950
Lumber & wood prods.	5,350	5,450	5,350	-100	0
Furniture & fixtures	2,000	2,000	2,100	0	-100
Stone & clay prods.	2,950	3,000	2,800	-50	150
Primary metal prods.	3,200	3,250	2,900	-50	300
Fabricated metal prods.	7,350	7,300	7,150	50	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	20,850	20,700	19,450	150	1,400
Electrical prods.	18,250	18,150	16,850	100	1,400
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,050	1,800	-50	200
Other durable goods	8,350	8,400	7,950	-50	400
Nondurable goods	44,100	44,450	45,950	-350	-1,850
Food & kindred prods.	3,350	3,350	3,350	0	0
Textile mill prods.	5,050	5,100	5,400	-50	-350
Apparel	2,700	2,700	2,950	0	-250
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,500	6,450	0	50
Print., pub. & allied	5,800	5,800	5,650	0	150
Leather & lea. prods.	10,050	10,000	11,350	50	-1,300
Other nondurable goods	10,650	11,000	10,800	-350	-150
Nonmanufacturing	276,600	277,500	264,200	-900	12,400
Construction (inc. min.)	21,100	22,650	20,550	-1,550	550
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,850	13,600	0	250
Trade	90,650	89,700	84,900	950	5,750
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,100	18,950	17,950	150	1,150
Service industry & other	68,700	68,900	65,150	-200	3,550
Government	63,200	63,450	62,050	-250	1,150
Federal	11,650	11,650	11,250	0	400
State	17,100	17,250	16,300	-150	800
Local	34,450	34,550	34,500	-100	-50

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
March 1978 Benchmark

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	December 1979		December 1978		December		Unem- ployment	Labor Force
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1979	1978		
New Hampshire	17,620	3.8	17,710	4.0	459,060	444,690	-90	14,370
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,030	5.2	1,000	4.7	19,870	21,380	30	-1,510
Claremont	990	2.7	1,170	3.2	36,540	36,470	-180	70
Concord	1,750	4.0	1,940	4.5	43,690	43,220	-190	470
Dover	2,330	4.6	2,160	4.6	50,530	47,270	170	3,260
Keene	1,070	2.8	1,140	3.0	38,760	38,420	-70	340
Laconia	1,460	3.6	1,410	3.6	40,070	39,230	50	840
Littleton	800	5.5	660	4.4	14,420	14,870	140	-450
Manchester	3,550	4.1	3,740	4.4	87,140	85,410	-190	1,730
Nashua	2,260	3.6	2,340	3.9	63,180	59,400	-80	3,780
Portsmouth	1,590	3.8	1,160	3.2	41,790	35,870	430	5,920
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA**	790	3.4	990	4.3	23,070	23,150	-200	-80
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	820	4.0	760	3.8	20,390	19,930	60	460
Carroll	440	3.5	390	3.1	12,460	12,650	50	-190
Cheshire	1,030	3.0	1,030	3.0	34,580	34,210	0	370
Coos	1,070	5.9	1,020	5.3	18,160	19,370	50	-1,210
Grafton	1,200	3.6	1,080	3.2	33,330	33,390	120	-60
Hillsborough	5,050	3.8	5,310	4.2	132,840	127,790	-260	5,050
Merrimack	1,960	3.9	2,220	4.5	50,300	49,770	-260	530
Rockingham	3,350	3.6	3,230	3.8	91,970	85,630	120	6,340
Strafford	2,110	4.6	1,970	4.6	46,100	43,140	140	2,960
Sullivan	590	3.1	700	3.7	18,930	18,910	-110	20

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** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

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Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	9,390	22,114	22	141	13	52	160	611
Berlin	391	2,456	8	9			3	54
Claremont	460	880	2	3		1	21	32
Concord	911	1,747	2	4	4	25	12	48
Dover	2,229	3,808	2	18	2	2	28	134
Keene	467	1,152		3		4	13	43
Laconia	740	2,319	1	14	5	7	10	33
Littleton	228	1,598	1	7		8	4	11
Manchester	2,326	4,278	3	44	2	2	17	113
Nashua	999	2,222	1	25			16	45
Portsmouth	639	1,654	2	14		3	36	98
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	479	2,046	6	10	0	3	2	18
Local Government	16	48						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment in December was \$82.75. During the year 1979 the average was \$79.17.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	November		Percent change
	1979	1978	
Total - all industries	3,685	2,713	35.8
Manufacturing	1,536	959	60.2
Durable goods	336	310	8.4
Electrical products	59	90	-34.4
Machinery	55	57	-3.5
Lumber & wood pds.	59	34	73.5
All other durable	163	129	26.4
Nondurable goods	1,200	649	84.9
Leather & lea. pds.	882	279	216.1
Textiles	38	26	46.2
Paper & paper prods.	38	66	-42.4
Printing & allied	55	52	5.8
Apparel	59	79	-25.3
Rubber & plastic pds.	103	130	-20.8
Other nondurable	25	17	47.1
Nonmanufacturing	2,149	1,754	22.5
Construction	544	480	13.3
Trade	559	399	40.1
Services	777	655	18.6
All other nonmfg.	269	220	22.3

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including November 12, 1979. Insured unemployment increased 431 from October to 3,685 in November of which 1,736 were female. Insured unemployment increased 972 or 35.8 percent from November 1978. Forty-two percent of the insured unemployed were out of work 1-4 weeks while another 40 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Sixty-two percent of the insured unemployed were under 45 years of age. Nonmanufacturing accounted for 58 percent of the insured unemployed of which services accounted for 36 percent followed by trade 26 percent, and construction 25 percent. In November, benchwork led all occupational categories with 949 or 26 percent followed by clerical (654), professional, technical, and managerial (500), services (486), and structural (474).

FUND BALANCE: There was \$80,658,337.25 in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund at the end of November. Net contributions amounted to \$2,976,925.93 and net benefits were \$1,050,482.68.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Manufacturing	4.2	5.9	4.9	3.8	5.2	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.3	2.9	4.0	3.2	0.7	0.6	0.4
Durable goods	3.6	4.7	4.3	3.2	4.2	4.0	3.4	4.2	3.4	2.4	3.3	2.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures															
Stone & clay pds.	3.5	8.0	5.5	3.1	5.2	5.5	5.9	4.3	6.3	2.6	3.8	5.2	2.1	0.3	0.7
Prim. metal pds.	5.2	5.6	3.4	5.2	5.4	3.4	2.8	5.1	3.5	1.9	3.8	2.6	0.1	0.7	*
Fab. metal pds.	3.8	4.9	6.0	3.1	4.4	5.2	3.4	5.0	4.7	2.4	3.2	3.4	0.2	1.0	0.2
Electrical pds.	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.2	4.8	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Misc. prods.	4.7	5.9	3.5	3.6	5.6	3.2	5.8	9.0	5.5	3.8	6.8	3.3	1.0	0.9	0.7
Mach. & other	2.4	3.4	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.7	1.8	2.9	1.9	1.3	2.2	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Nondurable goods	5.2	7.8	5.7	4.7	6.8	4.6	5.8	7.0	5.6	3.8	5.1	3.9	1.1	1.0	0.8
Food & kindred	**	7.4	5.1	**	7.1	2.3	**	7.0	3.0	**	5.0	2.5	**	0.8	0.1
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.6	4.0	5.6	5.1	6.2	5.2	5.7	7.1	6.9	3.4	5.2	3.9	1.2	0.9	1.6
Paper & allied	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.3	0.5	*	*	0.1
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	8.6	13.4	7.2	8.0	11.4	6.7	9.7	11.4	8.3	6.7	8.1	6.0	1.9	2.5	1.3
Lea. tan & fin.	4.4	8.4	1.4	4.2	8.1	1.3	4.5	7.5	2.7	3.4	5.2	1.4	*	1.7	0.9
Footwear	8.6	14.3	8.0	7.9	11.2	7.5	11.5	13.5	9.0	7.0	7.8	6.7	3.3	4.8	1.2
Other nondurable	4.5	7.7	7.0	3.7	6.5	4.6	5.6	7.0	6.0	3.6	5.3	4.4	1.0	0.6	0.4

* Not published due to inadequate sample

** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates area a weighted series based on reports from 302 cooperating establishments representing 63 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including November 12, 1979

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

Both the accession and separation rates decreased over the month. The month of November usually shows a decline in hiring activity as employers approaching the end of the year await the beginning of the new year before starting or expanding current operations. This occurs in both durable and nondurable goods industries. The only activity to increase over the month was the layoff rate which increased in durable and nondurable goods. The layoff rate for all manufacturing was 0.7 per 100 workers. The highest layoff rate was in leather footwear 3.3 per 100 workers.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
All manufacturing	\$228.63	\$223.20	\$211.87	40.9	40.0	41.3	\$5.59	\$5.58	\$5.13
Durable goods	235.31	230.36	211.65	41.5	40.7	41.9	5.67	5.66	5.29
Lumber & wood pds.	190.88	191.02	196.17	38.1	37.9	40.7	5.01	5.04	4.82
Furniture & fixtures	205.18	198.94	176.17	41.2	40.6	39.5	4.98	4.90	4.46
Stone & clay pds.	250.75	236.96	243.65	42.5	40.3	43.9	5.90	5.88	5.55
Primary metal pds.	267.72	265.15	230.36	47.3	46.6	44.3	5.66	5.69	5.20
Fab. metal prods.	230.71	226.87	209.44	42.1	41.1	40.2	5.48	5.52	5.21
Mach. (exc. elec.)	267.96	257.73	250.42	44.0	42.6	44.4	6.09	6.05	5.64
Electrical prods.	222.71	221.69	212.49	40.2	39.8	41.1	5.54	5.57	5.17
Miscellaneous pds.	169.99	174.54	157.87	38.2	38.7	36.8	4.45	4.51	4.29
Other durable	235.62	227.71	227.00	39.6	38.4	40.9	5.95	5.93	5.55
Nondurable goods	217.46	213.49	198.05	39.9	39.1	40.5	5.45	5.46	4.89
Food & kindred pds.	297.56	298.32	246.54	43.0	42.8	42.0	6.92	6.97	5.87
Textile mill prods.	191.12	180.48	177.12	39.9	38.4	45.3	4.79	4.70	3.91
Apparel	157.21	152.97	154.41	39.5	37.4	38.7	3.98	4.09	3.99
Paper & allied pds.	306.35	309.26	291.18	46.7	47.0	47.5	6.56	6.58	6.13
Print., pub. & allied	232.80	221.41	223.65	38.8	37.4	39.1	6.00	5.92	5.72
Leather & lea. prods.	161.55	155.14	143.64	35.9	34.4	36.0	4.50	4.51	3.99
Lea. tan. & fin.	252.46	247.28	216.94	42.4	41.7	39.3	6.19	5.93	5.52
Footwear	151.44	144.72	133.43	35.3	33.5	35.3	4.29	4.32	3.78
Other nondurable	226.06	227.20	204.97	39.8	40.0	39.8	5.68	5.68	5.15

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 391 cooperating firms representing approximately 67 percent of an estimated 85,450 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including December 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Production workers averaged a gain of one cent in average hourly earnings reaching \$5.59 in December 1979. Durable goods also showed a gain of one cent whereas nondurable goods averaged a one cent loss in average hourly earnings,

The average workweek increased from 40.0 to 40.9 hours with both durable and nondurable goods showing similar gains. Primary metals had the longest workweek 47.3 hours in durable goods and paper and allied goods products had the longest workweek 46.7 hours in nondurable goods.

Average weekly earnings increased by \$5.43 reflecting the longer workweek and higher average hourly earnings.

Employment Service Activity

Item	December 1979	November 1979	October 1979 to December 1979
Total applications for employment	5,797	5,725	28,949
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,391	2,161	6,138
Placements - job openings filled	1,012	1,400	3,933
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,420	1,834	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,012	1,400	3,933
Berlin	76	120	295
Claremont	63	64	210
Concord	115	116	340
Dover	64	170	389
Keene	85	84	287
Laconia	71	101	286
Littleton	42	44	161
Manchester	184	282	808
Nashua	117	206	503
Portsmouth	195	213	654

* Includes part-time seasonal and other openings.

The active file of job applicants numbered 14,492 at the end of December 1979. Female applicants numbered 5,311. The largest number of applicants by occupational group was structural with 3,021. Many construction workers are included in this group. Clerical ranked next with 1,899.

The 1,420 unfilled job openings at the end of December 1979 were led by clerical and sales with 246, followed by services with 232.

The largest number of active applicants were in the Manchester Local Office with 2,982. Structural workers had the largest number with 656.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</u>					
Revised Index					
Current month - December	230.0				
Percent in 12 months	13.4				
Year Average	217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5	161.2
Percent increase each year	11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8	9.1

All Urban Consumers

New Index					
Current month - December	229.9				
Percent in 12 months	13.3				
Year Average	217.4	195.4			
Percent increase each year	11.3	7.7			

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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NOTE: Labor force and unemployment estimates have been revised to new benchmarks and incorporate new population controls from the Current Population Survey. Nonagricultural establishment employment estimates have been revised to March 1979 benchmarks. Data provided in this issue are not comparable to previously published estimates. Revised 1978 and 1979 data are included in this issue.

SUMMARY: Both employment and unemployment declined in January. The number of unemployed fell 2,310 from December 1979 to 15,420 in January and the rate dropped from 3.9 to 3.5 percent. In January 1979, there were 14,800 jobless workers, or a rate of 3.5 percent. Unadjusted national rates were 6.8 percent in January this year and 6.4 percent a year ago.

The civilian labor force decreased by 9,560 from December to 439,880 in January, but exceeded the year ago month by 11,560.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose to 233.2 in January (1967 equals 100), an increase of 13.9 percent from a year earlier. For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, the January index was 233.3, up 14.0 percent from a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Establishment employment, as measured by a monthly survey of selected employing units, decreased seasonally in January. Wholesale and retail establishments released 2,800 workers following the completion of Christmas business. Construction contractors reduced employment by 1,550 as colder weather held down construction activity. In past years some of the construction workers were able to work at snowplowing jobs with the city or State but this year snowfall was very limited. Government employment was down as the University System was on vacation. Minor changes in manufacturing resulted in a net employment decrease of 350. Stone and clay products and the other nondurable goods group each had decreases of 200 as construction demands and nationwide automobile production demands reduced activity for parts and accessories in New Hampshire. The market for prefabricated houses has declined along with the market for residential building. Lumber and wood products decreased by 150 reflecting the decline in housing and the policy of high interest rates being charged for loans.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES FROM A YEAR AGO: Total nonagricultural employment showed an over the year gain of 9,750 jobs. Manufacturing gained 1,950 jobs led by employment increases of 1,750 and 1,350 in machinery and electrical products. The largest decrease occurred in leather and leather products as some footwear firms retrenched in 1979. Nondurable goods declined by 1,650 and durable goods increased by 3,600.

Nonmanufacturing employment gains were led by construction 2,650, trade with 2,500 more workers and finance, insurance and real estate with 1,100 more jobs in January. The over the year gain in services was only 600 reflecting the operation of fewer ski lifts this year due to lack of adequate snowfall. The over the year gains in services have usually been greater.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	January 1980	December 1979	January 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force *	439,880	449,440	428,320	-9,560	11,560
2. Unemployment	15,420	17,730	14,800	-2,310	620
Percent of labor force	3.5	3.9	3.5	xx	xx
3. Employment total	424,460	431,710	413,520	-7,250	10,940
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagr. wage & salary **	379,350	385,350	369,600	-6,000	9,750
Manufacturing	116,600	116,950	114,650	-350	1,950
Durable goods	71,900	72,150	68,300	-250	3,600
Lumber & wood prods.	4,950	5,100	5,250	-150	-300
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,800	2,000	-50	-250
Stone & clay prods.	2,800	3,000	2,850	-200	-50
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,450	3,050	0	400
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	7,200	7,000	50	250
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,050	22,100	20,300	-50	1,750
Electrical prods.	19,100	19,000	17,750	100	1,350
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,000	1,850	0	150
Other durable goods	8,550	8,500	8,250	50	300
Nondurable goods	44,700	44,800	46,350	-100	-1,650
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,950	3,000	-50	-100
Textile mill prods.	5,150	5,200	5,450	-50	-300
Apparel	2,850	2,800	2,850	50	0
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,550	6,250	-50	250
Print., pub. & allied	5,850	5,900	5,750	-50	100
Leather & lea. prods.	10,250	10,000	11,400	250	-1,150
Other nondurable goods	11,200	11,400	11,650	-200	-450
Nonmanufacturing	262,750	268,400	254,950	-5,650	7,800
Construction (inc. min.)	20,150	21,700	17,500	-1,550	2,650
Trans., comm. & util	13,700	13,800	13,250	-100	450
Trade	82,400	85,200	79,900	-2,800	2,500
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,300	19,100	18,200	200	1,100
Service industry & other	65,700	65,850	65,100	-150	600
Government	61,500	62,750	61,000	-1,250	500
Federal	11,500	11,600	11,550	-100	-50
State	15,950	16,700	15,550	-750	400
Local	34,050	34,450	33,900	-400	150

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	January 1980		January 1979		January		Unem- ployment	Labor Force
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979		
New Hampshire	15,420	3.5	14,800	3.5	439,880	428,320	620	11,560
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	890	4.9	870	4.8	17,980	18,300	20	- 300
Claremont	1,030	3.0	1,000	3.0	34,350	33,440	30	910
Concord	1,180	2.9	1,260	3.2	40,560	39,770	-80	790
Dover	1,900	4.3	1,410	3.3	43,980	42,790	490	1,190
Keene	930	2.6	800	2.4	35,410	34,040	130	1,370
Laconia	1,260	3.4	1,190	3.2	37,540	36,860	70	680
Littleton	650	4.8	610	4.4	13,630	13,870	40	- 240
Manchester	2,710	3.5	2,870	3.7	78,320	77,300	-160	1,020
Nashua	2,200	3.1	2,330	3.4	71,580	67,770	-130	3,810
Portsmouth	1,730	4.0	1,410	3.4	43,270	41,140	320	2,130
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA**	940	4.0	1,050	4.6	23,260	23,060	-110	200
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	660	3.5	650	3.5	19,060	18,740	10	320
Carroll	440	3.7	280	2.4	11,880	11,700	160	180
Cheshire	850	2.7	740	2.4	31,590	30,380	110	1,210
Coos	880	5.4	920	5.5	16,410	16,750	-40	-340
Grafton	1,030	3.3	1,020	3.3	31,190	30,920	10	270
Hillsborough	4,400	3.3	4,570	3.6	133,480	128,670	-170	4,810
Merrimack	1,450	3.1	1,490	3.2	46,860	45,940	- 40	920
Rockingham	3,400	3.7	3,270	3.7	91,740	89,090	130	2,650
Strafford	1,710	4.3	1,270	3.3	39,990	38,920	440	1,070
Sullivan	600	3.4	590	3.4	17,680	17,210	10	470

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to Current Population Survey Estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	7,636	38,094	44	176	20	89	132	819
Berlin	511	3,117	7	45	0	2	4	65
Claremont	297	1,396	2	7	1	4	9	49
Concord	915	4,364	2	11	8	41	14	58
Dover	1,546	5,990	12	40	0	3	32	174
Keene	230	1,637	2	3	2	4	5	46
Laconia	532	3,897	2	6	1	11	14	52
Littleton	239	1,888	2	6	1	1	7	24
Manchester	1,893	8,627	4	26	3	7	9	139
Nashua	669	4,049	3	12	0	2	11	78
Portsmouth	754	3,129	8	20	4	14	27	134
Not included above:								
Liabile Interstate	497	2,828	7	10	0	0	5	2
Local Government	22	88						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was \$84.90 in January 1980.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	December		Percent change
	1979	1978	
Total - all industries	4,645	4,025	15.4
Manufacturing	1,837	1,040	76.6
Durable goods	464	351	32.2
Electrical products	61	96	-36.5
Machinery	59	84	-29.8
Lumber & wood pds.	134	35	282.9
All other durable	210	136	54.4
Nondurable goods	1,373	689	99.3
Leather & lea. pds.	893	288	210.1
Textiles	27	41	-34.1
Paper & paper prods.	46	73	-37.0
Printing & allied	59	37	59.5
Apparel	57	75	-24.0
Rubber & plastic pds.	271	116	133.6
Other nondurable	20	59	-66.1
Nonmanufacturing	2,720	2,985	-8.9
Construction	1,055	1,442	-26.8
Trade	627	557	12.6
Services	791	745	6.2
All other nonmfg.	247	241	2.5

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including December 12, 1979. Insured unemployment increased 960 from November to 4,645 in December of which 1,917 or 41 percent were female. Insured unemployment increased 620 or 15.4 percent from December 1978. Forty-three percent of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while another 50 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks. In December, benchworkers led all occupational categories with 1,080 or 23 percent followed by structural (860), miscellaneous (566), clerical (552), and professional, technical and managerial (535). Sixty-five percent of the insured unemployed were under 45 years of age with males accounting for a likewise percent.

FUND BALANCE: There was \$79,409,793.01 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of the year. Net contributions during the month of December amounted to \$108,755.92 and net benefits paid out amounted to \$1,357,300.16.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Manufacturing	3.8	4.2	3.8	2.7	3.8	3.3	5.4	4.3	4.7	2.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	0.6	1.2
Durable goods	3.6	3.6	3.5	2.7	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.3	3.4	1.9	2.4	2.2	1.4	0.4	0.4
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures															
Stone & clay pds.	2.0	3.5	5.6	1.5	3.2	5.3	4.6	5.8	5.8	1.3	2.6	4.6	2.3	2.1	0.5
Prim. metal pds.	3.2	4.9	4.5	3.1	4.9	4.5	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.9	0.3	*	*
Fab. metal pds.	3.3	3.8	5.6	3.1	3.1	5.2	4.1	3.4	5.6	2.9	2.4	3.3	0.3	0.2	1.3
Electrical pds.	5.3	4.5	4.0	2.9	4.1	3.8	5.2	4.5	3.8	1.8	3.7	2.9	2.7	0.2	0.1
Misc. prods.	3.0	4.6	3.3	2.9	3.6	2.4	4.3	5.8	4.3	2.2	3.8	2.9	1.4	1.1	0.2
Mach. & other	2.1	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
Nondurable goods	5.1	5.2	4.1	3.3	4.7	3.4	8.8	5.8	6.8	2.6	3.8	3.4	5.4	1.1	2.3
Food & kindred	4.2	6.1	4.3	3.5	6.1	4.3	3.6	5.9	6.5	2.6	4.6	5.3	0.1	*	0.9
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	10.0	5.6	4.4	3.5	5.1	3.9	14.7	5.7	9.5	2.6	3.4	3.4	10.9	1.2	4.1
Paper & allied	1.3	1.4	2.9	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.3	1.5	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	*	*
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	8.4	8.4	4.9	7.1	7.9	4.2	7.7	9.6	9.7	5.3	6.6	5.3	1.5	1.9	3.3
Lea. tan & fin.	2.9	4.3	3.1	2.3	4.2	2.1	3.0	4.5	15.1	2.1	3.4	2.8	*	*	11.8
Footwear	10.0	8.3	4.7	8.3	7.6	4.2	8.9	11.1	7.0	5.9	6.8	4.6	2.1	3.2	1.3
Other nondurable	1.5	4.4	3.9	1.3	3.6	3.2	12.4	5.6	5.9	1.5	3.6	2.9	10.2	0.9	1.9

* Not published due to inadequate sample

** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates area a weighted series based on reports from 319 cooperating establishments representing 60 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including December 12, 1979.

The rate of separations increased from 4.3 per 100 workers to 5.4 in December 1979. Completion of orders for textile and apparel goods and rubber plastic boots and a reduced demand for accessories used in automobile industry all contributed to the increased separation rate. A year ago the separation rate was 4.7 per 100 workers. The layoff rate increased from 0.6 in November to 2.8 in December. Some of the layoffs in textile and apparel products were temporary as some workers were recalled during the month.

The accession rate declined from 4.2 to 3.8 per 100 workers. A year ago the rate was also 3.8 per 100 workers. New hires dropped to 2.7 which was lower than a year ago.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1980	Dec. 1979	Jan. 1979
All manufacturing	\$228.58	\$230.01	\$209.27	40.6	41.0	40.4	\$5.63	\$5.61	\$5.18
Durable goods	235.82	237.69	215.42	41.3	41.7	40.8	5.71	5.70	5.28
Lumber & wood pds.	191.63	195.14	178.16	37.5	37.6	38.9	5.11	5.19	4.58
Furniture & fixtures	200.82	196.80	177.56	40.9	40.0	38.6	4.91	4.92	4.60
Stone & clay pds.	265.16	253.64	218.02	43.9	42.7	40.3	6.04	5.94	5.41
Primary metal pds.	268.64	270.65	235.68	46.0	47.4	44.3	5.84	5.71	5.32
Fab. metal prods.	225.63	230.29	213.93	41.4	42.1	41.3	5.45	5.47	5.18
Mach. (exc. elec.)	261.92	271.78	241.06	43.8	44.7	43.2	5.98	6.08	5.58
Electrical prods.	222.64	223.11	209.08	39.9	40.2	39.9	5.58	5.55	5.24
Miscellaneous pds.	179.10	177.17	149.84	38.6	38.1	33.9	4.64	4.65	4.42
Other durable	242.75	235.03	221.60	39.6	39.5	40.0	6.13	5.95	5.54
Nondurable goods	217.80	218.40	200.09	39.6	40.0	39.7	5.50	5.46	5.04
Food & kindred pds.	298.50	301.86	264.26	42.4	43.0	42.9	7.04	7.02	6.16
Textile mill prods.	187.38	191.04	176.88	39.2	39.8	40.2	4.78	4.80	4.40
Apparel	154.87	157.61	148.27	36.7	39.6	36.7	4.22	3.98	4.04
Paper & allied pds.	306.97	321.42	283.98	46.3	48.7	46.1	6.63	6.60	6.16
Print., pub. & allied	247.38	234.18	238.20	39.9	38.9	39.9	6.20	6.02	5.97
Leather & lea. prods.	159.22	157.88	149.33	35.7	35.4	36.6	4.46	4.46	4.08
Lea. tan. & fin.	249.08	263.13	207.95	40.7	42.1	37.2	6.12	6.25	5.59
Footwear	152.22	149.45	141.60	35.4	35.0	36.4	4.30	4.27	3.89
Other nondurable	230.00	226.23	208.69	40.0	39.9	39.6	5.75	5.67	5.27

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 390 cooperating firms representing approximately 66 percent of an estimated 86,560 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including January 12, 1979. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by two cents from December to January. The \$5.63 rate represented a gain of forty-three cents an hour from the year ago level. Over the month gains of one cent in durable goods and four cents in nondurable goods were recorded. Some pay increases were reported with the beginning of a new year.

The average workweek decreased by a half hour with both durable and nondurable goods showing fewer hours of work. Compared with the year ago level (40.4) the average workweek (40.6) was slightly above.

Average weekly earnings declined \$1.43 over the month as the shortened workweek resulted in lower average weekly earnings in both durable and nondurable goods industries.

Employment Service Activity

Item	January 1980	December 1979	October 1979 to January 1980
Total applications for employment	7,387	5,797	36,336
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,725	1,391	7,863
Placements - job openings filled	1,064	1,012	4,997
Job openings unfilled end of month *	1,358	1,420	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,064	1,012	4,997
Berlin	79	76	374
Claremont	60	63	270
Concord	95	115	435
Dover	97	64	486
Keene	109	85	396
Laconia	76	71	362
Littleton	54	42	215
Manchester	171	184	979
Nashua	133	117	636
Portsmouth	190	195	844

* Includes part-time seasonal and other openings

At the end of January, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service offices numbered 17,568 of which 7,387 were new applicants or renewals. Thirty-four percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 20 and 21 percent respectively. Approximately 14 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, sixty-seven percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of education. Veterans accounted for 22 percent of the active applicants with 40 percent of these from the Vietnam Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits decreased 8.7 percent from last month to 289 during January. Visits to major market employers were down 28.9 percent from the previous month and 43 percent from a year ago reaching 81 in January 1980. During January, employers placed orders for 1,725 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 3,145 openings available during the month. Of these 1,064 (34 percent) were filled and 1,358 remained unfilled at the end of the month.

Gearing up for the "countdown" some applications for U.S. Census job openings were received and the Job Service offices also planned more testing of applicants for these jobs. A total of 1,000 job openings are planned for the two district offices in New Hampshire (Concord and Portsmouth).

Estimated Nonagricultural Employment in New Hampshire - 1979 Preliminary revised
(Excluding the self-employed, domestic service workers and persons on strike)

March 1979 Benchmark

Industry	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Ave.
Total Nonagricultural	369,600	369,750	372,200	373,450	382,050	386,450	387,100	392,650	389,800	386,950	385,100	384,850	381,650
Manufacturing	114,650	114,400	114,750	115,950	116,100	117,750	114,150	116,700	117,000	117,050	116,950	116,550	116,000
Durable Goods	68,300	68,400	69,200	69,850	70,050	71,000	70,400	71,500	71,500	71,600	71,750	71,850	70,450
Lumber & wood prods.	5,250	5,000	5,200	5,000	5,000	5,200	5,150	5,250	5,250	5,300	5,200	5,100	5,150
Furn. & fixtures	2,000	1,950	1,950	1,950	*1,850	1,900	1,850	1,800	1,800	1,850	1,750	1,750	1,850
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,900	2,950	3,100	3,150	3,200	3,150	3,100	3,050	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,050
Primary metal prods.	3,050	3,150	3,150	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,350	3,450	3,350	3,300
Fab. metal prods.	7,000	7,050	7,100	7,100	6,950	7,100	6,800	7,000	7,200	*7,200	7,150	7,200	7,100
Machinery (ex. elec)	20,300	20,300	20,600	20,950	21,100	21,300	21,300	21,600	21,550	21,600	21,800	21,950	21,200
Electrical prods.	17,750	17,850	18,050	18,200	18,250	18,500	18,750	18,950	18,750	18,750	18,850	19,000	18,450
Miscellaneous prods.	1,850	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,950	1,950	1,900	2,000	2,050	2,050	2,000	2,000	1,950
Other durables	8,250	8,300	8,300	8,450	8,500	8,550	8,200	8,500	8,450	8,500	8,550	8,500	8,400
Nondurable Goods	46,350	46,000	45,550	46,100	46,050	46,750	43,750	45,200	45,500	45,450	45,200	44,700	45,550
Food & kind. prods.	3,000	*2,900	*2,900	3,000	3,150	3,200	3,100	3,200	3,050	2,950	2,900	2,900	3,000
Textile & mill prods.	5,450	5,450	5,050	5,400	5,450	5,450	4,900	5,250	5,200	5,250	5,200	5,150	5,300
Apparel	2,850	2,850	2,800	2,800	2,750	2,800	2,750	2,800	2,750	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800
Paper & allied	6,250	6,300	6,300	6,550	6,300	6,550	6,450	*6,400	6,500	6,450	6,500	6,500	6,400
Print., pub. & allied	5,750	5,800	5,950	5,950	5,950	6,100	6,000	5,800	5,900	5,950	5,900	5,800	5,900
Leather & lea. prods.	11,400	11,050	11,200	11,000	10,950	10,800	9,450	10,350	10,150	10,150	10,000	10,000	10,550
Other nondurable	11,650	11,650	11,350	11,400	11,500	11,850	11,100	11,400	11,950	12,000	11,900	11,550	11,600
Nonmanufacturing	254,950	255,350	257,450	257,500	265,950	268,700	272,950	272,950	272,800	269,900	268,150	268,300	265,650
Constr. (inc. mining)	17,500	16,400	17,200	18,800	20,900	*21,450	23,400	24,000	24,450	24,300	23,550	21,700	21,150
Trans., comm. & util.	13,250	13,250	13,350	13,300	13,500	13,800	13,200	13,250	13,700	13,700	13,650	13,800	13,500
Trade	79,900	79,550	80,500	80,400	82,600	*84,600	85,850	86,250	85,550	83,950	83,950	85,200	83,200
Fin., ins. & real est.	18,200	18,250	18,400	18,300	18,500	18,850	19,150	19,100	18,950	18,850	18,900	19,100	18,700
Services & other	65,100	65,750	65,850	64,000	68,350	68,350	71,900	74,100	70,050	67,000	65,450	65,850	67,650
Government	61,000	62,150	62,150	62,700	62,100	61,650	59,450	59,250	60,100	62,100	62,650	62,650	61,450
Federal	11,550	11,500	11,350	11,450	11,450	11,500	11,750	11,750	11,600	11,600	11,500	11,600	11,500
State	15,550	16,400	16,350	16,350	15,500	15,300	15,350	15,150	15,300	16,800	16,700	16,600	15,950
Local	33,900	34,250	34,450	34,900	35,150	34,850	32,350	32,350	33,200	33,700	34,450	34,450	34,000

*Workers on strike
not included:

100 100

125 800

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Estimated Nonagricultural Employment in New Hampshire - 1978 Final
(Excluding the self-employed, domestic service workers and persons on strike)

March 1979 Benchmark

Industry	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Ave.
Total Nonagricultural	344,050	344,350	348,850	356,050	363,600	372,450	375,200	379,300	377,000	375,000	373,550	375,400	365,350
Manufacturing	105,700	106,000	107,000	108,900	109,900	111,350	107,100	111,050	111,400	112,250	113,000	113,650	109,750
Durable Goods	61,200	61,350	62,000	63,200	63,900	65,000	63,650	65,350	65,550	66,400	67,000	67,700	64,350
Lumber & wood prods.	4,950	4,800	4,850	4,950	5,050	5,400	5,300	5,400	5,350	5,400	5,450	5,450	5,200
Furn. & fixtures	1,950	1,950	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,000	2,000	2,050	2,100	2,100	2,050	2,050
Stone & clay prods.	2,600	2,550	2,550	2,650	2,700	2,800	2,850	2,900	2,900	2,850	2,850	2,900	2,750
Primary metal prods.	2,650	2,650	2,650	2,800	2,800	2,850	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,950	3,050	3,100	2,850
Fab. metal prods.	*6,100	*6,050	6,350	6,450	6,500	6,800	6,400	6,700	6,800	7,000	7,000	7,150	6,600
Machinery (ex. elec.)	17,850	18,100	18,200	18,650	18,950	19,150	18,950	19,000	19,150	19,200	19,400	19,650	18,350
Electrical prods.	16,150	16,200	16,200	16,350	16,400	16,450	16,100	16,850	*16,650	17,100	17,300	17,500	16,600
Miscellaneous prods.	1,700	1,750	1,700	1,800	1,850	1,900	1,850	2,000	2,050	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,850
Other durable goods	7,250	7,300	7,450	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,400	7,700	7,700	7,850	7,900	7,950	7,600
Nondurable Goods	44,500	44,650	45,000	45,700	46,000	46,350	43,450	45,700	45,850	45,850	46,000	45,950	45,400
Food & kind. prods.	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,250	3,200	3,350	3,400	3,350	3,200	3,200	3,150	3,200	3,200
Textile & mill prods.	5,350	5,450	5,500	5,500	5,500	*5,350	*4,800	5,450	5,400	5,400	5,550	5,550	5,400
Apparel	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,850	3,100	3,000	2,950	2,950	2,850	3,100
Paper & allied	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,100	6,100	6,150	5,700	5,950	6,000	6,000	6,050	6,150	6,100
Print., pub. & allied	5,200	5,200	5,350	5,400	5,500	5,600	5,650	5,750	5,800	5,850	5,650	5,650	5,550
Leather & lea. prods.	10,800	10,800	10,850	11,200	11,400	11,550	10,300	11,450	11,550	11,400	11,400	11,300	11,150
Other nondurable	10,550	10,600	10,600	11,050	11,100	11,150	10,750	*10,650	10,900	11,050	11,250	11,250	10,900
Nonmanufacturing	238,350	238,350	241,850	247,150	253,700	261,100	268,100	268,250	265,600	262,750	260,550	261,750	255,600
Constr. (inc. mining)	15,150	14,600	14,800	17,350	19,800	*21,150	22,200	21,200	22,100	21,850	21,200	19,350	19,200
Trans., comm. & util.	12,450	12,550	12,650	12,750	12,950	13,450	12,900	12,900	13,300	13,400	13,350	13,400	13,000
Trade	74,400	73,650	75,200	77,650	79,700	82,350	83,850	84,650	83,600	81,650	81,700	83,800	80,200
Fin., ins. & real est.	16,450	16,450	16,550	16,850	17,050	17,500	17,950	*17,900	17,750	17,900	17,950	18,150	17,400
Services & Other	*60,400	60,700	61,550	62,000	63,750	66,550	71,800	72,500	68,700	66,450	64,050	64,800	65,250
Government	59,500	60,400	61,100	60,550	60,450	60,100	59,400	59,100	60,150	61,500	62,300	62,250	60,550
Federal	11,100	11,000	11,050	11,000	11,050	11,250	11,400	11,350	11,100	11,200	11,200	11,250	11,150
State	15,000	16,000	16,000	16,150	15,650	15,150	15,050	15,300	15,050	16,400	16,350	16,300	15,700
Local	33,400	33,400	34,050	33,400	33,750	33,700	32,950	32,450	34,000	33,900	34,750	34,700	33,700
*Workers on strike not included:	300	300				300	300	500	250				
	50					600		100					

**Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment for the State of New Hampshire,
Manchester LMA and Nashua LMA as of the Middle of the Month**

1979

Employment Status	*New Hampshire												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year Average
Civilian labor force	428,320	428,540	431,110	431,270	443,260	451,720	457,310	457,660	453,910	449,310	446,160	449,440	444,000
Employment	413,520	414,330	417,870	418,970	431,010	437,940	440,110	445,010	441,050	435,850	432,640	431,710	430,000
Unemployment	14,800	14,210	13,240	12,300	12,250	13,780	17,200	12,650	12,860	13,460	13,520	17,730	14,000
rate	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.9	3.2
Persons involved in labor disputes	0	120	120	0	125	890	0	100	0	50	0	0	117

***Manchester LMA**

Civilian labor force	77,300	76,920	77,220	78,420	78,740	79,870	80,480	79,450	79,690	79,410	80,170	81,560	79,110
Employment	74,430	74,210	74,630	76,230	76,770	77,300	76,910	77,380	77,390	77,270	77,750	78,040	76,530
Unemployment	2,870	2,710	2,590	2,190	1,970	2,570	3,570	2,070	2,300	2,140	2,420	3,520	2,580
rate	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.5	3.2	4.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.0	4.3	3.3
Persons involved in labor disputes	0	120	120	0	125	190	0	100	0	50	0	0	59

***Nashua LMA**

Civilian labor force	67,770	67,500	68,490	70,100	71,410	73,080	72,060	72,220	72,720	72,740	72,910	73,760	71,230
Employment	65,440	65,530	66,660	68,280	69,780	71,040	69,480	70,470	70,680	70,520	70,860	71,220	69,160
Unemployment	2,330	1,970	1,830	1,820	1,630	2,040	2,580	1,750	2,040	2,220	2,050	2,540	2,070
rate	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.8	3.6	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.4	2.9
Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.3

*Based on place of residence
Benchmark: March 1979

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U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - January	233.3				
Percent in 12 months	14.0				

Year Average	217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year	11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - January	233.2				
Percent in 12 months	13.9				

Year Average	217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year	11.3	7.7		

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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SUMMARY: Total unemployment decreased by 560 from January to February as 14,860 workers were jobless. The rate of unemployment was 3.4 percent. A year ago 14,210 were unemployed at a 3.3 percent rate. The civilian labor force increased by 3,080 from January and the 442,960 represented an over the year gain of 14,420. Nationally, the rate of unemployment was 6.8 percent in February and 6.4 percent a year ago.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers was 236.4 in February which was 14.1 percent higher than a year ago. The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was 236.5 in February representing 14.2 percent above a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment numbered 380,900 in February, an increase of 1,050 from January and 11,150 higher than a year ago. Nonmanufacturing had a gain of 1,750 led by government with 1,200 (university system resumption of schooling following vacation) and in services 1,100 (a few ski and racetrack operations started). Construction employment declined by 700 as contractors curtailed operations.

Manufacturing employment declined by 700 with most of the decreases reflecting job losses due to reduced demand for parts and accessories by the automobile industry.

Year ago comparisons indicate 9,250 more jobs in nonmanufacturing. The construction industry had a 3,050 gain followed by the trade division with a 2,750 gain, finance, insurance and real estate with 1,250 gain and the service industry 1,050 above February 1979. All nonmanufacturing divisions showed over the year gains. Manufacturing experienced 1,900 more jobs with 3,700 additional jobs in durable goods and 1,800 fewer jobs in nondurable goods. Factory closings are reflected in the job losses in leather and leather products and in the other nondurable goods group. Machinery had the largest gain with 1,850 followed by electrical products with 1,150 additional jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS: New Hampshire and Oklahoma each with 3.4 percent had the lowest unemployment rates in the country in February. The rate for the New England Region was 5.9 percent and the rate for United States was 6.8 percent unadjusted. Unemployment rates for the other states in the region were Rhode Island 8.1, Maine 8.0, Vermont 6.4, Massachusetts 5.7 and Connecticut 5.5 percent. The Nashua Labor Market Area had the lowest rate of major labor areas in New England with a 3.2 percent rate.

Compared with a year ago the New England Region was down from the 6.3 rate a year ago. Only two New England states were below their year ago levels Connecticut and Massachusetts.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	442,960	439,880	428,540	3,080	14,420
2. Unemployment	14,860	15,420	14,210	-560	650
Percent of labor force	3.4	3.5	3.3	xx	xx
3. Employment total	428,100	424,460	414,230	3,640	13,870
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	100	0	-100
Nonagr. wage & salary**	380,900	379,850	369,750	1,050	11,150
Manufacturing	116,300	117,000	114,400	-700	1,900
Durable goods	72,100	72,100	68,400	0	3,700
Lumber & wood prods.	5,150	4,950	5,000	200	150
Furniture & fixtures	1,800	1,800	1,950	0	-150
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,800	2,900	50	-50
Primary metal prods.	3,500	3,500	3,750	0	350
Fabricated metal prods.	7,150	7,250	7,050	-100	100
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,150	22,200	20,300	-50	1,850
Electrical prods.	19,000	19,100	17,850	-100	1,150
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	200
Nondurable goods	44,200	44,900	46,000	-700	-1,800
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Textile mill prods.	5,050	5,200	5,450	-150	-400
Apparel	2,850	2,850	2,850	0	0
Paper & allied prods.	6,500	6,600	6,300	-100	200
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,850	5,800	50	100
Leather & lea. prods.	10,250	10,250	11,050	0	-800
Other nondurable goods	10,750	11,250	11,650	-500	-900
Nonmanufacturing	264,600	262,850	255,350	1,750	9,250
Construction (inc. min.)	19,450	20,150	16,400	-700	3,050
Trans., comm. & util	13,750	13,700	13,250	50	500
Trade	82,300	82,400	79,550	-100	2,750
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,500	19,300	18,250	200	1,250
Service industry & other	66,800	65,700	65,750	1,100	1,050
Government	62,800	61,600	62,150	1,200	650
Federal	11,550	11,600	11,500	-50	50
State	16,700	15,850	16,400	850	300
Local	34,550	34,150	34,250	400	300

* By place of residence
 ** By place of establishment
 Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	February 1980		February 1979		February		Unem-	Labor
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979	ployment	Force
New Hampshire	14,860	3.4	14,210	3.3	442,960	428,540	650	14,420
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	850	4.6	1,020	5.5	18,390	18,430	-170	-40
Claremont	880	2.6	1,000	3.0	33,730	33,230	-120	500
Concord	1,220	3.1	1,220	3.1	39,900	39,360	0	540
Dover	1,580	3.6	1,540	3.5	43,570	43,530	40	40
Keene	930	2.6	830	2.4	35,310	34,250	100	1,060
Laconia	1,340	3.5	1,180	3.2	37,980	37,160	160	820
Littleton	670	4.8	530	3.8	13,870	13,850	140	20
Manchester	2,910	3.7	2,710	3.5	78,830	76,920	200	1,910
Nashua	2,290	3.2	1,970	2.9	72,370	67,500	320	4,870
Portsmouth	1,260	2.8	1,230	3.0	45,000	41,030	30	3,970
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	930	3.9	980	4.2	24,010	23,280	-50	730
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	730	3.8	660	3.5	19,290	18,880	70	410
Carroll	440	3.6	250	2.1	12,070	11,740	190	330
Cheshire	850	2.7	760	2.5	31,510	30,560	90	950
Coos	820	4.9	1,070	6.3	16,730	16,920	-250	-190
Grafton	960	3.1	920	3.0	31,160	30,830	40	330
Hillsborough	4,670	3.5	4,130	3.2	134,570	128,150	540	6,420
Merrimack	1,470	3.2	1,450	3.2	46,340	45,630	20	710
Rockingham	2,930	3.1	2,930	3.3	94,270	89,070	0	5,200
Strafford	1,430	3.6	1,410	3.6	39,630	39,610	20	20
Sullivan	560	3.2	630	3.7	17,390	17,150	-70	240

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	4,387	31,190	30	143	14	51	104	734
Berlin	268	2,755	1	37			3	52
Claremont	324	1,308	3	6		2	9	39
Concord	355	2,956	1	3	5	23	3	38
Dover	693	4,245	9	34		4	17	182
Keene	258	1,572	1	3			8	49
Laconia	340	3,453	2	8	7	10	17	77
Littleton	160	1,523		5		4		29
Manchester	1,150	7,393	4	23	2	7	15	98
Nashua	409	3,123		9			9	71
Portsmouth	431	2,762	9	15		1	23	99
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	383	2,791	4	13			4	7
Local Government	12	68						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was \$85.20 in February 1980.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	January		Percent change
	1980	1979	
Total - all industries	8,086	5,259	53.8
Manufacturing	2,276	1,250	82.1
Durable goods	762	488	56.1
Electrical products	118	108	9.3
Machinery	46	72	-36.1
Lumber & wood pds.	202	59	242.4
All other durable	396	249	59.0
Nondurable goods	1,514	762	98.7
Leather & lea. pds.	696	256	171.9
Textiles	82	38	115.8
Paper & paper prods.	66	74	-10.8
Printing & allied	97	49	98.0
Apparel	77	123	-37.4
Rubber & plastic pds.	453	169	168.0
Other nondurable	43	53	-18.9
Nonmanufacturing	5,810	4,009	44.9
Construction	3,107	2,143	45.0
Trade	1,031	711	45.0
Services	1,048	739	41.8
All other nonmfg.	624	416	50.0

The number of insured unemployed increased 3,441 or 74 percent from December. Construction was the major source of the increase with employment at a seasonal low as winter weather prohibited many outdoor projects. Post-holiday layoffs of temporary help in trade were also reflected in increased unemployment. Durable goods showed an increase of 298 or a 64 percent change in the insured unemployed while non-durables advanced 141 for a 10 percent change. Machinery and leather products were the only industries which reduced their insured unemployed by 13 and 197 respectively from December. By duration of current unemployment, 40 percent were unemployed 5-14 weeks. Approximately 68 percent were under age 45. Females comprised 29 percent of the insured unemployed and were concentrated in leather, trade, services and rubber. Overall, the occupational classification distribution shows 30 percent in structural work, 16 percent in miscellaneous, 15 percent in benchwork and 13 percent in clerical and sales.

FUND BALANCE: There was \$79,084,381.54 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund as of January 31, 1980. Net contributions amounted to \$989,357.24 and net benefits amounted to \$2,744,923.79. Interest received amounted to \$1,430,155.08.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
	1980	1979	1979	1980	1979	1979	1980	1979	1979	1980	1979	1979	1980	1979	1979
Manufacturing	5.3	3.9	6.1	3.9	2.8	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.1	2.9	2.1	3.3	1.6	2.7	0.8
Durable goods	3.6	3.3	5.1	3.2	2.4	4.6	3.7	3.6	4.4	2.4	1.7	2.9	0.5	1.3	0.6
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures	6.6	3.4	6.1	5.8	3.3	5.8	3.7	3.2	5.5	2.1	1.9	4.1	0.4	0.8	0.6
Stone & clay pds.	3.7	2.4	8.1	2.6	1.9	8.0	6.2	4.8	9.1	3.6	1.7	5.2	1.9	2.1	2.4
Prim. metal pds.	5.1	3.0	6.3	4.8	2.9	6.3	3.0	2.8	4.3	2.0	1.9	3.4	0.2	0.3	0.1
Fab. metal pds.	2.6	3.3	6.1	2.3	3.1	5.9	5.3	4.1	5.1	3.2	2.9	3.0	1.5	0.3	0.8
Electrical pds.	3.7	5.4	5.6	3.4	2.9	5.1	3.9	5.3	5.0	2.4	1.8	3.4	0.8	2.7	0.7
Misc. prods.	6.1	3.1	5.6	5.1	2.9	3.2	5.4	4.2	9.2	3.3	1.9	5.0	0.4	1.3	3.2
Mach. & other	2.9	2.0	3.7	2.6	1.8	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.7	1.8	1.2	1.8	0.1	0.5	*
Nondurable goods	8.1	5.0	7.5	5.1	3.4	5.5	8.3	8.5	6.2	3.8	2.6	3.9	3.4	5.2	1.2
Food & kindred	7.9	3.9	6.6	7.9	3.3	6.3	8.0	3.7	4.5	6.4	2.3	2.2	0.4	0.6	1.5
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	10.9	9.5	8.0	6.7	3.5	4.7	7.0	13.5	5.6	3.9	2.7	3.2	1.0	9.7	1.0
Paper & allied	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.4	1.3	*
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	10.5	8.6	12.6	9.2	7.2	9.2	9.2	7.8	10.7	6.5	5.4	7.3	1.5	1.6	2.2
Lea. tan & fin.	4.1	2.9	12.7	4.1	2.3	1.9	3.0	3.0	9.4	2.3	2.1	4.7	*	*	4.7
Footwear	12.3	8.6	11.0	10.6	7.2	9.1	10.6	7.8	10.8	7.4	5.4	7.2	1.9	1.6	2.1
Other nondurable	8.3	1.7	7.2	2.0	1.5	5.4	13.7	11.5	6.0	2.9	1.6	3.7	10.0	9.3	1.1

* Not published due to an inadequate sample

** Less than 0.05 rate

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 316 cooperating establishments representing 62 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including January 12, 1980.

Labor Turnover Activity in New Hampshire Factories

The separation rate dropped slightly to 5.4 per 100 workers and the accession rate increased from 3.9 to 5.3 per 100 workers. The highest separation rate was in the other nondurable group at 13.7 per 100 workers as layoffs occurred at firms producing plastics, footwear and at firms producing plastic products used in the automobile industry. The footwear industry had the highest rate of quits with 7.4 per 100 workers.

Compared with a year ago the rate of separations was higher and the rate of accessions was lower in the current month of January. The quit rate was lower but the layoff rate was higher.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1979	Feb. 1979
All manufacturing	\$224.96	\$226.64	\$208.28	40.1	40.4	39.9	\$5.61	\$5.61	\$5.22
Durable goods	232.97	233.86	215.46	40.8	41.1	40.5	5.71	5.69	5.32
Lumber & wood pds.	192.61	191.86	172.69	37.4	37.4	36.9	5.15	5.13	4.68
Furniture & fixtures	200.33	201.62	184.60	40.8	41.4	38.7	4.91	4.87	4.77
Stone & clay pds.	243.36	254.58	218.70	40.9	42.5	40.5	5.95	5.99	5.40
Primary metal pds.	261.96	268.37	219.96	45.4	47.0	42.3	5.77	5.71	5.20
Fab. metal prods.	223.01	225.36	210.67	40.4	41.2	39.9	5.52	5.47	5.28
Mach. (exc. elec.)	257.90	257.57	242.61	43.2	43.0	43.4	5.97	5.99	5.59
Electrical prods.	224.47	222.88	207.38	39.8	39.8	39.5	5.64	5.60	5.25
Miscellaneous pds.	181.74	177.33	166.21	39.0	38.3	37.1	4.66	4.63	4.48
Other durable	233.53	237.98	225.68	38.6	39.4	40.3	6.05	6.04	5.60
Nondurable goods	212.55	215.36	198.24	39.0	39.3	39.1	5.45	5.48	5.07
Food & kindred pds.	283.72	287.96	282.10	42.6	42.1	43.4	6.66	6.84	6.50
Textile mill prods.	188.46	186.59	175.12	39.1	39.2	39.8	4.82	4.76	4.40
Apparel	151.98	154.87	146.40	36.1	36.7	36.6	4.21	4.22	4.00
Paper & allied pds.	306.24	305.84	283.66	46.4	46.2	45.9	6.60	6.62	6.18
Print., pub. & allied	230.40	246.76	237.41	38.4	39.8	39.7	6.00	6.20	5.98
Leather & lea. prods.	156.38	160.29	143.62	35.3	35.7	35.2	4.43	4.49	4.08
Lea. tan. & fin.	262.26	249.08	214.95	42.3	40.7	38.8	6.20	6.12	5.54
Footwear	147.20	153.36	135.72	34.8	35.5	34.8	4.23	4.32	3.90
Other nondurable	223.88	223.83	204.75	38.8	39.2	39.0	5.77	5.71	5.25

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 388 co-operating firms representing approximately 66 percent of an estimated 85,910 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including February 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings remained at \$5.61 an hour. Durable goods increased by two cents whereas nondurable goods had a three cents an hour decrease. The over the year increase was 39 cents for all manufacturing.

Hours of work declined from 40.4 to 40.1 hours. Both durable and nondurable goods each experienced shorter workweeks. The longest workweek was 46.4 hours in paper and allied products. The shortest workweek was 34.8 hours in the footwear segment. Year ago comparisons show a longer workweek in manufacturing by 0.2 hours. Durable goods was above a year ago and nondurable below a year ago.

Average weekly earnings decreased \$1.68 from January to February reflecting the shorter workweek. Both durable and nondurable goods had reductions in average weekly earnings. All industries experienced over the year gains in average weekly earnings.

Employment Service Activity

Item	February 1980	January 1980	October 1979 to February 1980
Total applications for employment	5,256	7,387	41,592
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,745	1,725	9,608
Placements - job openings filled	1,040	1,064	6,037
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,451	1,358	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,040	1,064	6,037
Berlin	82	79	456
Claremont	55	60	325
Concord	72	95	507
Dover	111	97	597
Keene	97	109	493
Laconia	88	76	450
Littleton	49	54	264
Manchester	192	171	1,171
Nashua	109	133	745
Portsmouth	185	190	1,029

At the end of February, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service offices was 18,256 of which 5,256 were new applicants or renewals. Thirty-four percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 20 and 21 percent respectively. Approximately 14 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, sixty-seven percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans represent 22 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits decreased 8.7 percent from last month to 264 during February. Visits to major market employers rose 11.1 percent from the previous month and declined 17.4 percent from a year ago reaching 90 in February 1980.

During February employers placed orders for 1,745 job openings with local Job Service offices for a total of 3,103 openings available during the month. Of these 1,040 (34 percent) were filled and 1,451 remained unfilled at the end of the month (93 more than last month). Approximately 41 percent of the openings filled were in trade and services, 38 percent in manufacturing and 10 percent in construction. Twenty-nine percent of the placements were in the clerical and sales occupational categories, 20 percent in services and 15 percent in structural.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</u>					
Revised Index					
Current month - February	236.5				
Percent in 12 months	14.2				
Year Average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8
<u>All Urban Consumers</u>					
New Index					
Current month - February	236.4				
Percent in 12 months	14.1				
Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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SUMMARY: Total employment advanced 7,170 from February to March, estimated at 435,270.

Some of the increase was contributed by the farm sector in preparation for maple sugaring activities. In the nonfarm sector, gains were concentrated in construction, trade, services and government.

Unemployment rose 770 in March to 15,630. The jobless rate was 3.5 percent of the labor force compared to 3.4 percent in February and 3.1 percent a year ago. National unadjusted rates were 6.6 percent this year and 6.1 percent a year ago.

The civilian labor force was up 7,940 in March to an estimated 450,900. Half of this monthly rise was concentrated in the Dover, Laconia and Nashua labor market areas.

Consumer prices for All Urban Consumers rose 1.4 percent in March, matching the increase in January and February. The Consumer Price Index at 239.8 percent of the 1967 average was up 14.7 percent from a year earlier.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: The number of employees on nonagricultural payrolls rose 3,050 in March to a level of 384,250. Payroll employment was 11,950 higher than a year earlier. Construction had the largest over-the-month increase with 1,050. Most of the increase reflects increased activity at the Seabrook Project. Manufacturing employment was down slightly in March with textiles, leather products and lumber and wood products posting the largest declines. The service industry and trade posted month to month gains. Temporary workers hired in conjunction with the presidential primary caused a rise in local government.

The nonagricultural job total rose 11,950 from March 1979. The construction industry posted the largest gain with 3,300. Part of this reflected the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project. Gains in durable goods manufacturing of 3,050 were partially offset by 1,750 job losses in nondurable goods production resulting in a net increase of 1,300 in factory jobs. Trade and services added a total of 4,300 jobs over the year.

THIRD QUARTER 1979 PRIVATE INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES: Employment covered by Unemployment Compensation in private industry averaged 328,059 in the third quarter 1979. Total wages reported by employers amounted to \$896,983,714 and average weekly wages for the quarter amounted to \$210.32.

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and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	March 1980	Feb. 1980	March 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force	450,900	442,960	431,110	7,940	19,790
2. Unemployment	15,630	14,860	13,240	770	2,390
Percent of labor force	3.5	3.4	3.1	XX	XX
3. Employment total	435,270	428,100	417,770	7,170	17,500
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	100	0	-100
Nonagr. wage & salary	384,250	381,200	372,300	3,050	11,950
Manufacturing	114,750	116,300	114,740	-250	1,309
Durable goods	72,250	72,250	69,200	0	3,050
Lumber & wood prods.	5,050	5,150	5,200	-100	-150
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,800	1,950	-50	-200
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,850	2,950	0	-100
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,500	3,150	-50	300
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	7,200	7,100	50	150
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,300	22,200	20,600	100	1,700
Electrical prods.	19,000	19,000	18,050	0	950
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,050	1,900	0	150
Other durable goods	8,550	8,500	8,300	50	250
Nondurable goods	43,800	44,050	45,500	-250	1,750
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Textile mill prods.	4,950	5,100	5,050	-150	-100
Apparel	2,850	2,850	2,800	0	50
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,500	6,300	50	250
Print., pub. & allied	5,850	5,850	5,950	0	-100
Leather & lea. prods.	10,000	10,150	11,200	-150	-1,200
Other nondurable goods	10,700	10,700	11,350	0	-650
Nonmanufacturing	268,200	264,900	257,550	3,300	10,650
Construction (inc. min.)	20,500	19,450	17,200	1,050	3,300
Trans., comm. & util	13,750	13,750	13,350	0	400
Trade	83,000	82,300	80,500	700	2,500
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,500	19,500	18,400	0	1,100
Service industry & other	67,750	66,800	65,950	950	1,800
Government	63,700	63,100	62,150	600	1,550
Federal	11,650	11,550	11,350	100	300
State	17,000	16,900	16,350	100	650
Local	35,050	34,650	34,450	400	600

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment *				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	March 1980		March 1979		March		Unem- ployment	Labor Force
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979		
New Hampshire	15,630	3.5	13,240	3.1	450,900	431,110	2,390	19,790
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	950	5.2	1,260	6.9	18,320	18,180	- 310	140
Claremont	830	2.4	930	2.8	34,130	33,330	- 100	800
Concord	1,260	3.1	1,070	2.7	40,860	39,590	190	1,270
Dover	1,590	3.5	1,190	2.7	44,950	43,570	400	1,380
Keene	930	2.6	810	2.3	35,680	34,540	120	1,140
Laconia	1,430	3.7	1,130	3.0	39,080	37,600	300	1,480
Littleton	700	4.8	540	3.9	14,480	13,900	160	580
Manchester	3,210	4.0	2,590	3.4	79,350	77,220	620	2,130
Nashua	2,340	3.2	1,830	2.7	73,880	68,490	510	5,390
Portsmouth	1,420	3.1	1,070	2.6	45,800	41,410	350	4,390
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA **	970	4.0	820	3.5	24,370	23,280	150	1,090
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	780	3.9	650	3.4	19,850	19,120	130	730
Carroll	490	4.0	250	2.1	12,240	11,680	240	560
Cheshire	840	2.6	730	2.4	31,820	30,800	110	1,020
Coos	890	5.3	1,310	7.8	16,830	16,820	- 420	10
Grafton	1,020	3.2	940	3.0	32,030	31,050	80	980
Hillsborough	5,040	3.7	3,960	3.1	136,700	129,480	1,080	7,220
Merrimack	1,520	3.2	1,310	2.9	47,370	45,910	210	1,460
Rockingham	3,120	3.3	2,490	2.8	95,610	89,490	630	6,120
Strafford	1,440	3.5	1,080	2.7	40,890	39,640	360	1,250
Sullivan	490	2.8	520	3.0	17,560	17,120	- 30	440

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	March 1980	February 1980	October 1979 to March 1980
Total applications for employment	5,013	5,256	46,605
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,049	1,745	11,657
Placements - job openings filled	1,240	1,040	7,277
Job openings unfilled end of month *	1,487	1,451	XXX
Placements - nonagricultural	1,240	1,040	7,277
Berlin	57	82	513
Claremont	70	55	395
Concord	219	72	726
Dover	136	111	733
Keene	87	97	580
Laconia	106	88	556
Littleton	55	49	319
Manchester	180	192	1,351
Nashua	151	109	896
Portsmouth	179	185	1,208

* Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings

At the end of March, the number of active registered applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service Offices was 18,221 of which 5,013 were new applicants and renewals. Thirty-three percent of the active file were female while 19 percent and 21 percent of the active file were under 22 and over 45 years of age respectively. Approximately 15 percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, 67 percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 22 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Counseling services at 510 increased by 63 or 14 percent from February but decreased by 27 percent from a year ago. Job development contacts at 921 increased by 3 from last month and decreased by 3 percent from a year ago. Job Service personnel made five job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements increased over the year in Concord, Dover, and Laconia local offices with Concord having the highest number of placements due to the opening of a new shopping center.

Nonagricultural employer visits increased 44 percent from last month to 379 during March. From a year ago, these visits decreased by 296 or 44 percent. Visits to major market employers were up 66 percent from the previous month and gained 7.2 percent from a year ago leveling off at 149 in March 1980.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	5,304	30,399	39	172	17	66	108	710
Berlin	484	2,533	1	13	1		6	50
Claremont	199	1,456	2	9	5	2	5	46
Concord	317	2,927		6		21	5	40
Dover	1,000	4,264	16	59	2	4	24	156
Keene	254	1,794	1	6	2	11	7	58
Laconia	426	3,536	1	12	4	25	13	83
Littleton	277	1,594		9		1	4	30
Manchester	1,189	6,743	6	31	1	2	16	100
Nashua	450	2,662	1	8			8	61
Portsmouth	708	2,890	11	19	2		20	86
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	310	2,449	4	10			4	4
Local Government	24	83						

The average payment for a week of total unemployment in March amounted to \$86.35.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	February		Percent change
	1980	1979	
Total - all industries	7,476	6,038	23.8
Manufacturing	2,021	1,618	24.9
Durable goods	754	675	11.7
Electrical products	144	92	56.5
Machinery	74	104	28.8
Lumber & wood pds.	121	237	48.9
All other durable	415	510	18.6
Nondurable goods	1,267	943	34.4
Leather & lea. pds.	600	493	21.7
Textiles	123	58	112.1
Paper & paper prods.	30	46	34.8
Printing & allied	57	56	1.8
Apparel	45	121	62.8
Rubber & plastic pds.	365	96	280.2
Other nondurable	47	73	35.6
Nonmanufacturing	5,455	4,420	23.4
Construction	3,142	2,720	15.5
Trade	969	712	36.1
Services	823	658	25.1
All other nonmfg.	521	330	57.9

The number of insured unemployed decreased 610 or 7.5 percent from January. Major decreases were 255 in manufacturing and 225 in services. Recalls and openings of race track and ski operations were factors. Insured unemployment increased 1,438 or 23.8 percent from February 1979. Thirty - two percent of the insured unemployed were out of work 1 - 4 weeks duration and another 56 percent were out of work 5 - 14 weeks. Sixty-nine percent were under age 45. Females accounted for 28 percent of the insured unemployed. Structural led all occupational categories with 2,515 or 34 percent.

Fund Balance: There was \$ 78,106,228.62 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of February. Net contributions amounted to \$ 2,211,825.69 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to \$ 3,189,978.62.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1980	Feb. 1979
Manufacturing	4.2	5.3	5.0	3.3	3.8	4.3	4.8	5.4	5.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	1.2	1.6	1.4
Durable goods	3.4	3.8	4.6	3.0	3.3	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.9	2.3	2.4	2.7	0.4	0.5	0.4
Lmbr. & wood pds.															
Furn. & fixtures	4.6	6.6	3.2	4.3	5.8	2.3	7.0	3.7	3.8	3.9	2.0	2.8	1.6	0.4	0.4
Stone & clay pds.	3.8	3.7	7.3	2.4	2.6	6.5	4.3	6.2	5.8	2.7	3.6	4.5	1.2	1.9	0.8
Prim. metal pds.	2.6	5.1	7.0	2.6	4.8	5.2	2.9	3.0	2.4	1.9	2.1	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
Fab. metal pds.	4.1	2.6	5.3	3.6	2.3	4.5	3.4	5.3	4.8	2.4	3.2	2.9	0.4	1.5	0.7
Electrical pds.	4.0	4.0	4.6	3.6	3.4	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.0	2.5	3.5	0.3	0.7	0.1
Misc. prods.	6.3	8.6	9.8	5.6	7.6	8.3	6.4	6.9	7.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	*	0.4	*
Mach. & other	2.4	2.9	3.3	2.1	2.6	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.5	1.4	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nondurable goods	5.5	7.9	5.7	3.8	4.9	4.5	7.0	8.1	8.0	3.4	3.7	4.0	2.6	3.3	2.9
Food & kindred	3.5	5.9	7.5	3.0	5.8	5.9	4.0	5.6	5.0	3.2	4.6	3.6	0.4	0.3	1.0
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.5	11.4	5.4	4.9	6.8	4.0	7.1	7.1	6.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	1.6	1.0	1.7
Paper & allied	1.2	1.8	1.9	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.1	0.7	0.7	1.5	0.6	0.4	*
Prt.pub.&allied															
Lea. & lea. pds.	7.7	10.5	7.4	7.3	9.2	5.9	12.1	9.2	11.7	6.1	6.5	6.8	4.7	1.5	3.8
Lea. tan & fin.	3.6	4.1	3.4	3.6	4.1	2.6	2.5	3.0	9.8	1.4	2.3	3.0	*	*	5.9
Footwear	8.6	12.3	7.9	8.0	10.6	6.2	14.4	10.6	11.5	6.5	7.4	6.5	6.5	1.9	3.8
Other nondurable	7.5	7.9	6.1	2.1	1.9	4.9	7.0	13.2	10.6	2.4	2.9	3.5	3.8	9.6	5.6

* Less than 0.05 rate.

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 312 cooperating establishments representing 62 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including February 12, 1980. Accessions and separation are reported for the entire month.

Both the accession and separation rates declined from the January rates with the rate of accession falling more than the rate of separations as some manufacturing firms began to experience fluctuations in their workload requirements. Separations exceed accessions for all manufacturing as nondurable goods industries followed this pattern whereas accessions and separations were at the same rate in durable goods industries.

The separation rate of 14.4 per 100 workers in leather products reflects the closing of one establishment in the Manchester area in February.

All turnover activities in February 1980 are lower than the year ago rates.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1980	Feb. 1980	Mar. 1979
All manufacturing	\$223.97	\$224.64	\$213.56	39.5	39.9	40.6	\$5.67	\$5.63	\$5.26
Durable goods	230.17	231.83	220.83	40.1	40.6	41.2	5.74	5.71	5.36
Lumber & wood pds.	184.25	192.84	187.40	35.5	37.3	38.8	5.19	5.17	4.83
Furniture & fixtures	193.60	200.33	192.38	40.0	40.8	40.5	4.84	4.91	4.75
Stone & clay pds.	241.40	242.95	226.32	40.1	40.9	41.3	6.02	5.94	5.48
Primary metal pds.	255.34	262.41	235.21	44.1	45.4	43.8	5.79	5.78	5.37
Fab. metal prods.	221.80	223.16	219.03	40.4	40.5	41.8	5.49	5.51	5.24
Mach. (exc. elec.)	256.70	256.28	243.38	42.5	43.0	43.0	6.04	5.96	5.66
Electrical prods.	218.66	221.48	208.03	38.7	39.2	39.7	5.65	5.65	5.24
Miscellaneous pds.	175.01	180.89	169.88	37.8	38.9	37.5	4.63	4.65	4.53
Other durable	239.29	237.55	233.19	39.1	39.2	41.2	6.12	6.06	5.66
Nondurable goods	214.79	213.79	204.29	38.7	38.8	39.9	5.55	5.51	5.12
Food & kindred pds.	285.11	288.15	276.71	40.1	41.7	42.9	7.11	6.91	6.45
Textile mill prods.	185.96	189.15	181.56	38.5	39.0	40.8	4.83	4.85	4.45
Apparel	151.66	151.56	153.82	35.6	36.0	37.7	4.26	4.21	4.08
Paper & allied pds.	305.58	308.88	286.58	46.3	46.8	46.0	6.60	6.60	6.23
Print., pub. & allied	244.77	232.37	237.94	39.1	38.6	39.2	6.26	6.02	6.07
Leather & lea. prods.	157.40	159.38	148.01	34.9	34.8	36.1	4.51	4.58	4.10
Lea. tan. & fin.	261.44	262.26	230.01	42.1	42.3	41.0	6.21	6.20	5.61
Footwear	148.26	150.92	139.55	34.4	34.3	35.6	4.31	4.40	3.92
Other nondurable	224.65	224.26	216.93	38.6	38.8	40.7	5.82	5.78	5.33

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 385 cooperating establishments representing 66 percent of an estimated 85,410 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including March 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for March are on a preliminary basis.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings increased by four cents an hour from February to March. Durable goods industries had a three cents an hour gain and nondurable goods industries had a four cents an hour gain.

The average workweek decreased by 0.4 hours dropping to 39.5 hours as some firms reduced their workweek with a decline in workload requirements. Most of the decrease occurred in durable goods industries which dropped from 40.6 hours in February to 40.1 hours in mid-March.

Average weekly earnings declined slightly as the shorter workweek affected the average despite the four cents an hour increase in average hourly earnings. Durable goods had a decrease of \$1.66 in weekly earnings whereas nondurable goods workers averaged a gain of \$1.00 in weekly earnings.

Year ago comparison reflected a gain of forty-one cents in average hourly earnings, a loss of 1.1 hours in average weekly hours and a gain of \$10.41 in average weekly earnings.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</u>					
Revised Index					
Current month - March	239.9				
Percent in 12 months	14.6				
Year Average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index					
Current month - March	239.8				
Percent in 12 months	14.7				
Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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SUMMARY: Unemployment rose sharply in April and employment declined. The April unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, up from 3.5 percent in March.

The number of unemployed increased by 2,470 to 18,100. Unemployment increases were particularly large in construction (notably the Seabrook Nuclear Power project) and in manufacturing.

A year ago, there were 12,300 jobless workers representing 2.9 percent of the labor force. Unadjusted national rates were 6.6 percent in April and 5.5 percent a year ago.

The civilian labor force declined by 980 in April to 449,920. Although the number of job losers exceeded the rise in unemployment, many of them withdrew from the State's labor force.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers rose to 242.5 in April (1967=100), up 14.7 percent from a year ago. The index rose 1.1 percent in April, compared with a 1.4 percent increase the previous month.

The index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, which covers about half the population increased 1.1 percent in April and stood at 242.6 percent of the 1967 average, up 14.5 percent from a year earlier.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural payroll employment declined by 3,800 in April to 380,650. The decline was concentrated in the services producing sector. In the goods-producing sector manufacturing fell by 450 and construction dropped by 900. Manufacturing firms providing components to the automobile industry have experienced order cutbacks. High interest rates and tight money caused a layoff of more than 2,000 workers at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. Construction has lost 2,750 jobs since January.

In the services producing sector, employment fell by 550 in trades; an additional 1,750 job decline occurred in the service industries. Local government dropped 500 in April, but Federal government added 400 due primarily to the hiring of temporary workers for the 1980 census.

Over-the-year growth dropped sharply in April with a 7,200 job gain (1.9 percent) compared to 12,150 (3.3 percent in March).

The table on the next page illustrates comparative growth rates of the New England states and the nation. Although the region as a whole experienced a slightly lower rate of growth than the national average, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont all exceeded the national rate.

Growth rates in manufacturing exceeded the national average in all New England states except Rhode Island. The proportion of workers in manufacturing declined nationally from 23.9 percent in 1977 to 23.4 percent in 1979. In the New England Region the proportion was nearly constant (28.3 and 28.2 percent respectively). In Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, nearly one-third of all nonagricultural jobs are in manufacturing.

Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls, New England States
1977 - 1979

<u>Area</u>	<u>Total</u>			<u>Percent</u>	<u>Manufacturing</u>			<u>Percent</u>
	1977	1978	1979	<u>Change</u>	1977	1978	1979	<u>Change</u>
State	1977	1978	1979	1977-79	1977	1978	1979	1977-79
U.S.	82,423.0	86,446.0	89,482.0	8.6	19,682.0	20,476.0	20,972.0	6.6
N.E.	4,972.4	5,225.9	5,390.7	8.4	1,407.2	1,471.2	1,518.5	7.9
Conn.	1,282.3	1,346.1	1,400.9	9.2	406.7	415.6	435.1	7.0
Maine	387.8	405.6	416.3	7.3	105.9	111.3	114.0	7.6
Mass.	2,405.1	2,526.5	2,598.9	8.1	621.0	652.4	670.3	7.9
N.H.	337.1*	361.3*	377.4*	12.0	101.4	109.8	116.0	14.4
R.I.	381.7	395.8	400.0	4.8	128.8	134.4	132.3	2.7
VT.	178.4	190.6	197.2	10.5	43.4	47.7	50.8	17.1

* Excludes Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Source: Employment and Earnings, May 1980. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	April 1980	March 1980	April 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	449,920	450,900	431,270	-980	18,650
2. Unemployment	18,100	15,630	12,300	2,470	5,800
Percent of labor force	4.0	3.5	2.9	xx	xx
3. Employment total	431,820	435,270	418,970	-3,450	12,850
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagr. wage & salary**	380,650	384,450	373,450	-3,800	7,200
Manufacturing	115,800	116,250	115,950	-450	-150
Durable goods	72,050	72,250	69,850	-200	2,200
Lumber & wood prods.	4,850	5,050	5,000	-200	-150
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,950	0	-200
Stone & clay prods.	2,900	2,850	3,100	50	-200
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,450	3,200	0	250
Fabricated metal prods.	7,200	7,250	7,100	-50	100
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,400	22,300	20,950	100	1,450
Electrical prods.	18,950	19,000	18,200	-50	750
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,050	1,900	0	150
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,450	-50	50
Nondurable goods	43,750	44,000	46,100	-250	-2,350
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile mill prods.	4,900	5,000	5,400	-100	-500
Apparel	2,800	2,850	2,800	-50	0
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,600	6,550	-50	0
Print., pub. & allied	5,850	5,850	5,950	0	-100
Leather & lea. prods.	9,950	10,000	11,000	-50	-1,050
Other nondurable goods	10,800	10,800	11,400	0	-600
Nonmanufacturing	264,850	268,300	257,500	-3,450	7,350
Construction (inc. min.)	19,600	20,500	18,800	-900	800
Trans., comm. & util	13,700	13,750	13,300	-50	400
Trade	82,450	83,000	80,400	-550	2,050
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,400	19,500	18,300	-100	1,100
Service industry & other	66,000	67,750	64,000	-1,750	2,000
Government	63,700	63,800	62,700	-100	1,000
Federal	12,100	11,700	11,450	400	650
State	17,000	17,000	16,350	0	650
Local	34,600	35,100	34,900	-500	-300

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By place of residence

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By place of establishment

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Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	April 1980		April 1979		April		Unem-	Labor
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1980	1979	ployment	Force
New Hampshire	18,100	4.0	12,300	2.9	449,920	431,270	5,800	18,650
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,200	6.8	1,390	7.9	17,570	17,580	-190	- 10
Claremont	1,180	3.3	870	2.5	35,290	34,220	310	1,070
Concord	1,330	3.2	920	2.3	41,220	39,840	410	1,380
Dover	2,120	4.7	1,240	2.8	45,410	43,700	880	1,710
Keene	1,030	2.8	730	2.1	36,180	34,840	300	1,340
Laconia	1,320	3.5	920	2.5	38,090	36,600	400	1,490
Littleton	1,120	8.5	600	4.8	13,180	12,580	520	600
Manchester	3,340	4.1	2,190	2.8	80,820	78,420	1,150	2,400
Nashua	2,620	3.5	1,820	2.6	75,370	70,100	800	5,270
Portsmouth	1,870	4.5	970	2.4	41,800	39,850	900	1,950
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	970	3.9	650	2.8	24,990	23,540	320	1,450
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	720	3.7	480	2.6	19,380	18,590	240	790
Carroll	590	4.9	330	2.9	11,920	11,420	260	500
Cheshire	920	2.9	670	2.2	32,260	31,090	250	1,170
Coos	1,110	7.0	1,400	8.7	15,890	16,040	-290	-150
Grafton	1,510	4.8	980	3.2	31,410	30,300	530	1,110
Hillsborough	5,450	3.9	3,630	2.8	139,300	131,940	1,820	7,360
Merrimack	1,540	3.2	1,070	2.3	47,610	46,030	470	1,580
Rockingham	3,650	3.9	2,180	2.5	92,670	88,590	1,470	4,080
Strafford	1,900	4.6	1,100	2.8	41,290	39,730	800	1,560
Sullivan	710	3.9	460	2.6	18,190	17,540	250	650

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	April 1980	March 1980	October 1979 to April 1980
Total applications for employment	5,585	5,013	52,190
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,141	2,049	13,798
Placements - job openings filled	1,588	1,240	8,865
Job openings unfilled end of month *	1,392	1,487	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,588	1,240	8,865
Berlin	81	57	594
Claremont	74	70	469
Concord	164	219	890
Dover	171	136	904
Keene	128	87	708
Laconia	130	106	686
Littleton	69	55	388
Manchester	347	180	1,698
Nashua	214	151	1,110
Portsmouth	210	179	1,418

* Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings

At the end of April, the number of active registered applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service Offices was 18,518 of which 5,585 were new applicants and renewals. Thirty four percent of the active file were female while 19 percent and 22 percent of the active file were under 22 and over 45 years of age respectively. Fourteen percent of the active applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, 67 percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans accounted for 22 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Nonagricultural employer visits increased three percent from last month to 389 during April. From a year ago, these visits decreased by 166 or 30 percent. Visits to major market employers were down 18 percent from the previous month but gained 15 percent from a year ago leveling off at 122 in April 1980.

Counseling services at 527 increased by 17 or 3.3 from March and also increased by 116 or 28 percent from a year ago. Job development contacts at 812 decreased by 109 from last month and increased by 192 or 31 percent from a year ago. Job Service personnel made four job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements increased over the year in all the local offices except Dover, Keene, and Portsmouth.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	7,421	34,423	46	104	17	81	104	645
Berlin	709	3,951	2	26		4	3	49
Claremont	279	1,563	3	19	1	5	8	34
Concord	462	2,653	1	8	5	20	10	23
Dover	1,063	5,108	17	64	2	2	13	116
Keene	275	1,818	2	9			4	37
Laconia	541	3,233	2	24		5	1	31
Littleton	681	2,370		13	6	36	6	56
Manchester	1,605	7,170	3	32		2	3	26
Nashua	769	2,792	1	7	2	1	16	82
Portsmouth	996	3,765	15	45	1		15	56
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	822	2,954				6	25	135
Local Government	28	75	5	15			5	7

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was \$86.63.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	March		Percent change
	1980	1979	
Total - all industries	7,451	5,689	31.0
Manufacturing	1,932	1,960	- 1.4
Durable goods	783	504	55.4
Electrical products	122	84	45.2
Machinery	63	82	- 23.2
Lumber & wood pds.	188	124	52.0
All other durable	410	214	92.0
Nondurable goods	1,149	1,456	- 21.1
Leather & lea. pds.	513	473	8.5
Textiles	124	333	- 63.0
Paper & paper prods.	50	73	- 32.0
Printing & allied	50	27	85.2
Apparel	45	86	- 48.0
Rubber & plastic pds.	333	426	- 22.0
Other nondurable	34	38	- 11.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,519	3,729	48.0
Construction	3,226	2,228	45.0
Trade	966	638	51.4
Services	774	518	49.4
All other nonmfg.	553	345	60.3

The number of total insured unemployed decreased 25 from February to 7,451 in March. The major decreases were in leather and leather products (87), services (49) and rubber and plastic products (32). Construction and lumber and wood products had increases of 84 and 67 in the number of insured unemployed from the previous month. Twenty-eight percent or 2,076 of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while another 55 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks. Seventy-one percent were under 45 years of age, of which females accounted for approximately 24 percent. Nonmanufacturing accounted for 74 percent of the insured unemployed with construction contributing 58 percent of that total. In March, structural led all occupational categories with 2,656 (36 percent) due to a slow-down in construction. Miscellaneous had (1,267), clerical (979) and benchwork (887).

Fund Balance: There was \$76,099,656.02 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of March. Net contributions amounted to \$147,554.42 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to \$2,154,127.01.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Manufacturing	4.5	4.2	6.3	3.8	3.3	4.8	4.5	4.7	6.1	2.9	2.7	4.1	0.7	1.2	1.1
Durable goods	4.0	3.4	4.8	3.5	3.0	4.3	3.5	3.4	4.7	2.5	2.3	3.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Furn. & wood pds.	5.2	4.5	6.3	4.8	4.2	5.9	3.8	6.8	7.2	3.1	3.8	5.7	0.2	1.5	*
Stone & clay pds.	6.9	3.8	5.8	5.0	2.4	4.6	5.3	4.3	5.6	4.2	2.6	4.3	0.1	1.2	*
Prim. metal pds.	4.0	2.6	5.5	4.0	2.6	4.9	3.6	2.0	6.3	2.5	1.9	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Fab. metal pds.	5.5	4.1	4.6	5.3	3.6	4.2	3.7	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.4	3.5	0.2	0.4	0.1
Electrical pds.	4.5	3.9	5.7	4.0	3.6	5.3	4.0	4.1	5.2	3.1	3.0	4.3	0.1	0.3	0.1
Disc. prods.	5.6	6.2	8.9	4.6	5.6	8.2	5.4	6.4	7.0	3.6	5.0	4.7	0.1	*	0.9
Mach. & other	2.9	2.4	3.4	2.6	2.1	3.2	2.7	2.3	3.7	1.7	1.4	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.5
Nondurable goods	5.3	5.5	8.6	4.2	3.8	5.6	6.2	6.9	8.4	3.8	3.3	5.0	1.3	2.6	2.4
Food & kindred	2.9	3.5	6.3	2.5	3.1	5.6	3.2	4.1	8.6	2.4	3.2	4.1	0.3	0.5	4.0
Textile mill pds.	7.0	5.5	14.7	6.1	4.0	5.0	0.2	6.5	15.4	4.9	3.8	5.1	1.8	1.0	8.8
Apparel	2.0	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.7	2.0	0.8	0.7	1.6	*	0.6	*
Text. pub. & allied	7.7	7.7	9.8	6.5	7.2	7.0	9.9	12.0	9.4	7.1	6.1	7.3	1.9	4.6	1.3
Lea. & lea. pds.	4.1	3.6	10.2	4.1	3.6	5.0	4.1	2.5	8.3	3.6	1.4	7.6	0.1	*	0.3
Lea. tan & fin.	9.1	8.6	9.9	7.4	8.0	7.2	10.8	14.4	9.8	7.2	6.5	7.3	2.4	6.5	1.6
Footwear	5.1	7.4	8.4	3.3	2.0	7.4	5.3	7.0	5.7	2.5	2.4	5.1	1.8	3.8	0.2
Other nondurable															

less than 0.05 rate.

During activity in New Hampshire factories increased in March and separations declined. Total accessions rose from 4.2 per 100 in February to 4.5 in March. The rate of new hires advanced from 3.3 to 3.8 and recalls dropped from 0.7 to 0.5.

Total separations fell from 4.7 to 4.5 and layoffs decreased from 1.2 to 0.7. Quits moved up from 2.7 to 2.9 per 100 workers. New hires continued to exceed quits.

As expected, nondurable goods industries experienced higher turnover activity than durable goods. Total accessions were at a rate of 5.3 per 100 in nondurables and 4.0 in durables. Separations were 6.2 in nondurable and 3.5 in durables. Leather products with 7.7, textiles and apparel with 7.0 and stone and clay products with 6.9 had the highest accession rates. Leather products with 9.9, textiles and apparel with 9.2 and miscellaneous products with 5.4 had the highest separation rates per 100 workers.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1980	Mar. 1980	Apr. 1979
All manufacturing	\$227.37	\$224.36	\$210.40	40.1	39.5	40.0	\$5.67	\$5.68	\$5.26
Durable goods	232.47	230.00	215.33	40.5	40.0	40.4	5.74	5.75	5.33
Lumber & wood pds.	189.35	185.15	178.41	37.2	35.2	38.7	5.09	5.26	4.61
Furniture & fixtures	193.76	193.60	192.63	40.2	40.0	40.3	4.82	4.84	4.78
Stone & clay pds.	240.54	247.01	208.00	40.7	41.1	40.0	5.91	6.01	5.20
Primary metal pds.	252.74	252.43	236.56	43.5	43.9	44.3	5.81	5.75	5.34
Fab. metal prods.	229.90	221.80	212.86	41.8	40.4	40.7	5.50	5.49	5.23
Mach. (exc. elec.)	254.10	256.34	232.54	42.0	42.3	41.6	6.05	6.06	5.59
Electrical prods.	224.53	218.66	209.08	39.6	38.7	39.3	5.67	5.65	5.32
Miscellaneous pds.	179.71	176.53	165.43	38.4	37.8	36.6	4.68	4.67	4.52
Other durable	242.14	239.29	227.93	39.5	39.1	4.02	6.13	6.12	5.67
Nondurable goods	218.28	214.62	203.94	39.4	38.6	39.6	5.54	5.56	5.15
Food & kindred pds.	286.96	290.47	379.36	39.8	39.9	42.2	7.21	7.28	6.62
Textile mill prods.	186.90	185.96	173.36	39.1	38.5	39.4	4.78	4.83	4.40
Apparel	160.33	151.66	152.35	37.2	35.6	36.8	4.31	4.26	4.14
Paper & allied pds.	205.23	305.58	202.02	46.6	46.3	47.1	6.55	6.60	6.20
Print., pub. & allied	247.43	244.77	237.94	39.4	39.1	39.2	6.28	6.26	6.07
Leather & lea. prods.	162.44	159.25	154.76	35.7	35.0	36.5	4.55	4.55	4.24
Lea. tan. & fin.	257.29	261.44	256.38	41.1	42.1	44.9	6.26	6.21	5.71
Footwear	154.26	149.98	143.82	35.3	34.4	35.6	4.37	4.36	4.04
Other nondurable	227.70	223.69	208.43	39.6	38.5	39.4	5.75	5.81	5.29

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 311 cooperating establishments representing 61 percent of an estimated 85,290 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including April 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for April are on a preliminary basis.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers in New Hampshire factories dropped one cent in April to \$5.67 but were 7.8 percent above a year ago. Average weekly earnings went up \$2.61 over the month to \$227.37 and were 8.1 percent above April 1979. The average workweek rose 0.6 hour to 40.1 hours, reversing the trend of recent months when hours of work fell from 41.1 hours in December to 39.5 in March.

Durable goods workers averaged an over-the-year increase in hourly earnings of 41 cents (7.7 percent). A slightly longer workweek resulted in a rise in weekly earnings of \$17.14, or 8.0 percent. In nondurables, average hourly earnings rose 39 cents (7.6 percent). Because of a 0.2 hour drop in the workweek, average weekly earnings rose 7.0 percent, or \$14.34.

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</u>					
Revised Index					
Current month - April	242.6				
Percent in 12 months	14.5				
Year Average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8
<u>All Urban Consumers</u>					
New Index					
Current month - April	242.5				
Percent in 12 months	14.7				
Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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SUMMARY: Unemployment rose 960 in May to 19,080 and employment continued to rise.

The jobless rate was 4.1 percent, up from 4.0 in April and 3.5 in March. The current unemployment rate is the highest since July 1978. In May 1979, the jobless count was 12,250, or 2.8 percent. Unadjusted national rates were 7.0 percent this year and 5.2 percent a year ago.

The number of unemployed increased 960 to 19,080 in May, up 6,830 from a year ago. Layoffs in manufacturing were significant in May and the number of new entrants and reentrants unable to find work increased. The civilian labor force rose 11,770 over the month to 464,300.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers rose to 244.9 in May (1967=100), up 14.4 percent from a year ago. The Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers stood at 245.1 in May, up 14.4 percent over the year.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonfarm payroll employment in the State rose 4,150, reaching 385,600 in May. Despite the largely seasonal increase, the pace in job growth since mid-1979 has been lagging behind the same period last year.

Normally, construction employment continues its' spring pickup at this time of year but a hiring lag by general building contractors and the current downturn in the industry held over-the-month gains to less than half of seasonal expectations. This coupled with a reduced workforce at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project brought employment below the year ago level.

Services rose seasonally, increasing 1,550 in May due to increases in hotels and other lodging places and business services. Sizable monthly gains occurred in trade (1,800), the result of expansion in eating and drinking places and retail building materials and gardening supplies.

In manufacturing, employment fell 800 in May to 114,950. Durable goods dropped 150, mostly in lumber and wood products. Nondurable goods declined 650.

Compared to a year ago, nonfarm employment had grown by 6,550. Expansion continued to be widespread despite the recent slowdown in some industries.

Manufacturing fell by 1,150 because of job losses in the nondurable goods group (down 3,000). Durable goods added 1,850 jobs over the year with most of the expansion in machinery.

Wholesale and retail trade increased 2,150 with over three-fourths of these jobs created by the retail sector. Expansion was noted in restaurants and other retail businesses with the exception of automobile dealers and gasoline service stations.

The major job gain since 1979 was 2,250 in services as additional workers were added in medical and health, business, and other services. Government rose by 2,050 from May 1979. The federal sector increased this year as numerous workers were needed for the 1980 census enumeration. State government was up significantly due to state colleges.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force *	464,300	452,530	443,260	11,770	21,040
2. Unemployment	19,080	18,120	12,250	960	6,830
Percent of labor force	4.1	4.0	2.8	xx	xx
3. Employment total	445,220	434,410	430,885	10,810	14,335
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	125	0	-125
Nonagr. wage & salary **	385,600	381,450	379,050	4,150	6,550
Manufacturing	114,950	115,750	116,100	-800	-1,150
Durable goods	71,900	72,050	70,050	-150	1,850
Lumber & wood prods.	4,750	4,850	5,000	-100	-250
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,850	0	-100
Stone & clay prods.	2,900	2,900	3,150	0	-250
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,450	3,300	0	150
Fabricated metal prods.	7,150	7,200	6,950	-50	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,450	22,400	21,100	50	1,350
Electrical prods.	18,900	18,950	18,250	-50	650
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,050	1,950	0	100
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Nondurable goods	43,050	43,700	46,050	-650	-3,000
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	3,150	0	-250
Textile mill prods.	4,750	4,900	5,450	-150	0700
Apparel	2,800	2,800	2,750	0	50
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,550	6,300	0	250
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,850	5,950	50	-50
Leather & lea. prods.	10,050	9,950	10,950	100	-900
Other nondurable goods	10,100	10,750	11,500	-650	-1,400
Nonmanufacturing	270,650	265,700	262,950	4,950	7,700
Construction (inc. min.)	20,600	19,600	20,900	1,000	-300
Trans., comm. & util	13,850	13,750	13,500	100	350
Trade	84,750	82,950	82,600	1,800	2,150
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,700	19,450	18,500	250	1,200
Service industry & other	67,600	66,060	65,350	1,550	2,250
Government	64,150	63,900	62,100	250	2,050
Federal	12,300	12,150	11,450	150	850
State	16,900	17,050	15,500	-150	1,400
Local	34,950	34,700	35,150	250	-200

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
Benchmark: March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	May 1980 Number Percent		May 1979 Number Percent		May 1980	1979	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
United States**	7,318	7.0	5,253	5.2	104,028	101,473	2,065	2,555
New Hampshire	19,080	4.1	12,250	2.8	464,300	443,260	6,830	21,040
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,110	6.1	1,100	6.2	18,210	17,650	10	560
Claremont	1,680	4.5	850	2.4	37,350	35,430	830	1,920
Concord	1,480	3.5	700	1.7	42,790	40,930	780	1,860
Dover	2,620	5.6	1,740	3.9	46,640	44,370	880	2,270
Keene	1,170	3.1	750	2.1	38,100	36,260	420	1,840
Laconia	1,500	3.7	710	1.8	40,920	38,710	790	2,210
Littleton	930	6.9	510	4.0	13,400	12,800	420	600
Manchester	3,240	4.0	1,970	2.5	80,960	78,740	1,270	2,220
Nashua	2,570	3.4	1,630	2.3	76,030	71,410	940	4,620
Portsmouth	1,710	3.8	1,710	4.0	44,530	43,280	0	1,250
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA***	1,070	4.2	590	2.5	25,370	23,690	480	1,680
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	820	3.9	340	1.7	20,780	19,580	480	1,200
Carroll	590	4.7	260	2.2	12,550	11,810	330	740
Cheshire	1,050	3.1	660	2.0	33,980	32,320	390	1,660
Coos	950	5.8	1,110	6.9	16,350	16,080	-160	270
Grafton	1,590	4.8	880	2.8	32,950	31,380	710	1,570
Hillsborough	5,310	3.8	3,300	2.5	140,360	133,770	2,010	6,590
Merrimack	1,750	3.5	820	1.7	49,620	47,400	930	2,220
Rockingham	3,600	3.8	2,800	3.0	95,970	92,330	800	3,640
Strafford	2,400	5.7	1,590	3.9	42,450	40,380	810	2,070
Sullivan	1,020	5.3	490	2.7	19,290	18,210	530	1,080

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands not seasonally adjusted

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	May 1980	April 1980	October 1979 to May 1980
Total applications for employment	5,846	5,585	58,036
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,227	2,141	16,025
Placements - job openings filled	1,238	1,588	10,103
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,482	1,392	xxxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,238	1,588	10,103
Berlin	35	81	629
Claremont	84	74	553
Concord	119	164	1,009
Dover	71	171	975
Keene	130	128	838
Laconia	122	130	808
Littleton	81	69	469
Manchester	242	347	1,940
Nashua	146	214	1,256
Portsmouth	208	210	1,626

*Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings

At the end of May, the number of active applicants on file at New Hampshire Job Service Offices was 19,773 of which 5,846 were new applicants or renewals. Thirty seven percent of the active file were female, and the under 22 and over 45 year old categories accounted for 22 percent and 20 percent respectively. Fourteen percent of the applicants were economically disadvantaged. By highest school grade completed, 67 percent of the applicants had 12 or more years of formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active applicants with 41 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Placements decreased in all offices except Claremont, Keene and Littleton for a total reduction in placements of 350. The Manchester and Dover local offices accounted for 59 percent of the decrease. The number of unfilled job openings at the end of May increased by 90 from April to 1,482. Approximately 39 percent of the openings filled were in trade and services, 36 percent in manufacturing and nine percent in construction. Thirty-one percent of the placements were in the clerical and sales occupational category, 14 percent in structural, and 13 percent in services.

Counseling services at 538 increased by 11 or 2.1 percent from April and also increased by 147 or 38 percent from a year ago. Job development contacts at 869 increased by 57 from last month but decreased by 18 or 2 percent from a year ago. Job Service personnel made five job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements decreased over the year in all the local offices except Keene, Manchester and Nashua.

Nonagricultural employer visits increased 15 percent from last month to 449 during May but decreased from a year ago by 68 or 13 percent. Visits to major market employers were up 30 percent from the previous month and remained unchanged from a year ago leveling off at 158 in May 1980.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	6,602	35,886	22	176	9	66	87	550
Berlin	340	3,874	2	12		2	6	58
Claremont	385	1,391	1	17			8	24
Concord	821	2,747	2	4	5	18	7	30
Dover	1,408	6,167	2	50		2	14	115
Keene	322	1,590	1	8		9	1	46
Laconia	415	3,329	1	12	3	26	8	44
Littleton	232	2,584		11		1	4	29
Manchester	1,562	6,812	6	25	1	4	20	56
Nashua	564	2,877	1	7			6	47
Portsmouth	553	4,515	6	30		4	13	101
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	468	3,321	5	10			2	12
Local Government	9	60						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was \$87.12 in May.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	April 1980	April 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,961	4,820	65.2
Manufacturing	2,383	1,356	75.7
Durable goods	757	584	29.6
Electrical products	129	167	-22.8
Machinery	80	82	-2.4
Lumber & wood pds.	199	170	17.1
All other durable	349	165	111.5
Nondurable goods	1,626	772	110.6
Leather & lea. pds.	879	351	150.4
Textiles	146	39	274.4
Paper & paper prods.	95	116	-18.1
Printing & allied	70	20	250.0
Apparel	66	92	-28.3
Rubber & plastic pds.	315	120	162.5
Other nondurable	55	34	61.8
Nonmanufacturing	5,578	3,464	61.0
Construction	3,086	1,601	92.8
Trade	1,139	786	44.9
Services	877	737	19.0
All other nonmfg.	476	340	40.0

These insured unemployed are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including April 12, 1980. Insured unemployed increased 510 from March to 7,961 in April of which 2,516 or 32 percent were female, compared to a year ago, insured unemployed increased 3,141 or 65 percent. Fifty-four percent or 4,287 of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while 27 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Approximately 34 percent were between the ages of 25 and 34. Overall, almost three quarters were under 45 years of age. Nonmanufacturing contained 70 percent of the insured unemployed of which construction accounted for 39 percent. In April structural led all occupational categories with 2,634 or 33 percent followed by benchwork (1,213), miscellaneous (1,082), clerical and sales (1,006) and professional, technical and managerial (670).

FUND BALANCE: There was \$78,596,840.01 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of April, Net contributions amounted to \$3,406,621.37 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to \$2,382,427.21. Interest credited during the period was \$1,472,989.83.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.
	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Manufacturing	4.5	4.6	5.6	3.5	3.9	4.8	5.4	4.5	5.4	2.9	3.0	3.7	1.6	0.7	0.8
Durable goods	3.2	4.0	4.6	2.9	3.6	4.2	3.5	3.5	4.2	2.2	2.5	3.2	0.6	0.2	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.	**														
Furn. & fixtures	**	5.1	5.9	**	4.7	5.7	**	3.8	6.3	**	3.1	4.5	**	0.2	0.7
Stone & clay pds.	6.6	6.8	7.2	6.1	4.9	6.4	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.0	4.2	4.7	*	0.2	*
Prim. metal pds.	3.3	4.0	5.4	3.2	4.0	5.4	2.8	3.6	3.9	1.9	2.5	3.2	0.2	0.2	*
Fab. metal pds.	3.0	5.5	6.1	2.8	5.3	5.7	5.4	3.7	5.4	2.2	3.0	3.9	2.7	0.2	0.4
Electrical pds.	4.1	4.5	5.1	3.7	4.0	4.7	4.1	4.0	5.3	2.7	3.1	4.0	0.6	0.1	0.3
Misc. prods.	51.	5.6	7.8	4.2	4.5	7.8	6.2	5.3	5.9	4.9	3.6	4.8	0.1	0.1	*
Mach. & other	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.6	1.3	1.7	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.2
Nondurable goods	6.7	5.5	7.2	4.6	4.4	5.7	8.7	6.3	7.2	4.3	3.9	4.5	3.4	1.4	1.7
Food & kindred	4.3	3.8	5.2	4.1	3.8	4.8	13.6	3.4	6.4	3.9	2.7	5.0	9.0	0.3	0.8
Textile mill pds. & Apparel	6.5	6.6	8.7	5.3	5.8	5.6	9.2	8.7	9.3	5.1	4.8	4.7	2.4	1.7	2.7
Paper & allied	1.1	2.0	1.7	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.0	1.2	3.6	1.1	0.8	1.6	0.3	*	1.6
Prt. pub. & allied	**														
Lea. & lea. pds.	9.8	8.4	10.3	8.7	7.1	8.7	9.9	10.9	9.2	7.2	7.6	6.7	1.7	2.3	1.7
Lea. tan & fin.	3.9	4.1	7.8	3.9	4.1	7.5	5.7	4.1	7.1	4.6	3.6	6.1	*	0.1	0.2
Footwear	10.8	9.9	11.0	9.3	8.1	9.3	10.7	12.1	9.2	7.5	7.9	6.9	2.2	2.9	1.4
Other nondurable	8.3	5.1	7.8	3.1	3.3	5.9	10.9	5.3	6.9	3.4	2.5	4.5	6.5	1.8	1.2

* Less than 0.05 rate.

** Not published inadequate sample

Hiring activity in New Hampshire factories edged down in April and separations moved up. The total accession rate dropped from 4.6 to 4.5 per 100 workers. The rise in recalls was not sufficient to offset the 3.9 to 3.5 drop in the new hire rate. Accessions fell sharply in durable goods, from 4.0 to 3.2 per 100 workers. All published durable goods industries shared in the reduced hiring activity.

Nondurable goods showed an opposite trend with accessions rising from 5.5 to 6.7 per 100. Most of this rise was due to recalls of workers on temporary layoff to adjust inventories. In general, hiring activity in all manufacturing was below the year ago levels.

The rate of separations increased over the month from 4.5 to 5.4 per 100, significantly higher than the 4.5 accession rate. The layoff rate was up substantially in April (1.6 persons out of 100 received layoff notices). Fabricated metal products, food, textiles and apparel, and the other nondurable group (principally rubber and plastics) had layoff rates of more than 2.0 per 100.

The total separation rate this year at 5.4 per 100 workers was the same as a year ago. However, quits were down substantially, from 3.7 to 2.9 and the layoff rate doubled, from 0.8 to 1.6.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979	May 1980	April 1980	May 1979
All manufacturing	\$230.17	\$227.37	\$209.89	40.1	40.1	39.8	\$5.74	\$5.67	\$5.27
Durable goods	236.70	232.47	216.47	40.6	40.5	40.3	5.83	5.74	5.37
Lumber & wood pds.	189.74	190.37	176.78	36.7	37.4	38.1	5.17	5.09	4.64
Furniture & fixtures	201.38	195.62	190.88	40.6	40.5	40.7	4.96	4.83	4.69
Stone & clay pds.	266.28	239.95	227.40	42.2	40.6	40.9	6.31	5.91	5.56
Primary metal pds.	256.94	252.74	229.52	44.3	43.5	42.9	5.80	5.81	5.35
Fab. metal prods.	234.32	229.90	219.30	41.4	41.8	41.3	5.66	5.50	5.31
Mach. (exc. elec.)	258.72	253.91	235.19	42.0	41.9	41.7	6.16	6.06	5.64
Electrical prods.	226.06	224.14	208.68	39.8	39.6	39.3	5.68	5.66	5.31
Miscellaneous pds.	188.75	179.71	168.91	38.6	38.4	36.8	4.89	4.68	4.59
Other durable	243.32	242.14	223.34	39.5	39.5	39.6	6.16	6.13	5.64
Nondurable goods	218.34	218.28	200.58	39.2	39.4	39.1	5.57	5.54	5.13
Food & kindred pds.	314.16	295.94	278.56	40.8	40.1	41.7	7.70	7.38	6.68
Textile mill prods.	190.12	186.90	174.54	38.8	39.1	39.4	4.90	4.78	4.43
Apparel	161.88	160.33	154.91	37.3	37.2	37.6	4.34	4.31	4.12
Paper & allied pds.	307.01	305.23	283.63	46.8	46.6	45.6	6.56	6.55	6.22
Print., pub. & allied	243.04	244.61	226.91	38.7	39.2	38.2	6.28	6.24	5.94
Leather & lea. prods.	159.81	162.63	150.12	35.2	35.9	36.0	4.54	4.53	4.17
Lea. tan. & fin.	256.46	257.29	239.78	41.1	41.1	41.2	6.24	6.26	5.82
Footwear	151.73	154.07	140.54	34.8	35.5	35.4	4.36	4.34	3.97
Other nondurable	227.26	227.30	208.68	39.8	39.6	39.3	5.71	5.74	5.31

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 313 cooperating establishments representing 59 percent of an estimated 84,360 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including May 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for May are on a preliminary basis.

Factory Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production workers on manufacturing payrolls rose seven cents in May to \$5.74 and were 47 cents above the May 1979 level. Average weekly earnings were \$230.17 in May, up \$2.80 over the month and \$20.20 over the year.

The average workweek at 40.1 hours held steady for April and May and was up 0.3 hour from May 1979. With the exception of February and March, the manufacturing workweek has held at 40.0 hours or better since November 1979. Nationally, the factory workweek fell by one hour since November to 39.4 hours in May (not seasonally adjusted).

In durable goods, overall average hourly earnings rose nine cents in May to \$5.83 and were 46 cents or 8.0 percent above the May 1979 level. In nondurables, hourly earnings rose three cents over the month to \$5.57 and were 44 cents, or 8.6 percent above a year ago.

In nondurables, average hourly earnings increased three cents over the month to \$5.57 and 44 cents over the year or 8.6 percent. Because of a shorter workweek, weekly earnings edged up six cents in May to \$218.34 but were \$17.76 (8.9 percent above May 1979).

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - May	245.1				
Percent in 12 months	14.4				

Year average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - May	244.9				
Percent in 12 months	14.4				

Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in June increased by 4,490 workers from the May level. The 23,570 jobless workers represented 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force of 471,010. Last month the rate was 4.1 percent and a year ago the rate was 3.1 percent. Nationally unadjusted rates were 7.8 in June, 7.0 in May and 6.0 percent in June 1979.

The civilian labor force increased by 6,710 during the month. There was a gain of 19,290 from a year ago.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in June was 247.6 (14.3 percent above a year ago). The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in June was 247.8 (14.4 percent above a year ago).

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural payroll employment increased 4,150 in June, about half the rise experienced in 1979. At 390,050, payroll employment was only 2,700 above a year ago including 900 workers involved in labor-management disputes. Manufacturing continued to reflect the weakening prevailing in the national economy, particularly in auto-related industries and in home furnishings. At 114,750 in June factory jobs were down 200 over the month and 3,000 over the year. Job gains of 1,100 in machinery, 400 in electrical and 200 in primary metals were not sufficient to offset the overall loss in manufacturing jobs, particularly nondurables.

Construction employment continues to reflect the slowdown in home building and layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project. At 21,200 in June, construction employment is 1,050 below the 1979 level.

The service-producing sector gained 3,800 jobs over the month and 6,850 over the year. Month to month gains of 1,400 in trade and 2,200 in services reflected the beginning of the summer tourist season which this year appears to have gotten off to a good start. In 1979, gasoline shortages were a deterrent, particularly in spring months and the early weeks of summer. Trade and services had a combined over-the-year increase of 3,000 jobs as compared to 2,000 in 1979.

Although government employment at 64,250 in June was unchanged from May, there was an over-the-year gain of 2,600. Bureau of the Census workers accounted for most of the year-to-year rise in Federal government.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	471,010	464,300	451,720	6,710	19,290
2. Unemployment	23,570	19,630	13,780	4,490	9,790
Percent of labor force	5.0	4.1	3.1		
3. Employment total	447,440	445,220	437,050	2,220	10,390
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	890	0	-890
Nonagr. wage & salary**	390,050	385,900	386,450	4,150	3,600
Manufacturing	114,750	114,950	117,750	-200	-3,000
Durable goods	71,850	71,850	71,000	0	850
Lumber & wood prods.	4,800	4,750	5,200	50	-400
Furniture & fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,900	0	-150
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,900	3,200	-50	-350
Primary metal prods.	3,500	3,450	3,300	50	200
Fabricated metal prods.	7,050	7,050	7,100	0	-50
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,400	22,450	21,300	-50	1,100
Electrical prods.	18,900	18,950	18,500	-50	400
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,050	1,950	50	150
Other durable goods	8,500	8,500	8,550	0	-50
Nondurable goods	42,900	43,100	46,750	-200	-3,850
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	2,900	3,200	0	-300
Textile mill prods.	4,650	4,800	5,450	-150	-800
Apparel	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-100
Paper & allied prods.	6,550	6,550	6,550	0	0
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Leather & lea. prods.	10,000	10,050	10,800	-50	-800
Other nondurable goods	10,200	10,100	11,850	100	-1,650
Nonmanufacturing	275,300	270,950	268,700	4,350	6,600
Construction (inc. min.)	21,200	20,650	21,450	550	-250
Trans., comm. & util.	14,000	13,900	13,800	100	200
Trade	86,150	84,750	84,600	1,400	1,550
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,900	19,800	18,850	100	1,050
Service industry & other	69,800	67,600	68,350	2,200	1,450
Government	64,250	64,250	61,650	0	2,600
Federal	12,550	12,400	11,500	150	1,050
State	16,550	16,900	15,300	-350	1,250
Local	35,150	34,950	34,850	200	300

* By place of residence
 ** By place of establishment
 Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	June 1980 Number Percent		June 1979 Number Percent		June 1980	June 1979	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
United States**	8,291	7.8	6,235	6.0	106,067	104,153	2,056	1,914
New Hampshire	23,570	5.0	13,780	3.1	471,010	451,720	9,790	19,290
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,020	5.7	1,020	5.7	17,920	17,890	0	30
Claremont	1,730	4.7	1,170	3.3	36,590	35,780	560	810
Concord	1,900	4.4	1,320	3.1	43,000	42,220	580	780
Dover	2,590	5.6	1,330	3.0	46,490	44,430	1,250	2,060
Keene	1,480	4.0	760	2.1	37,320	35,620	720	1,700
Laconia	1,760	4.2	380	2.2	42,020	40,480	880	1,540
Littleton	1,060	7.4	550	4.0	14,270	13,800	510	470
Manchester	4,220	5.1	2,570	3.2	82,130	79,870	1,650	2,260
Nashua	3,840	4.9	2,040	2.8	78,020	73,080	1,800	4,940
Portsmouth	2,640	5.6	1,310	2.9	47,430	44,470	1,330	2,960
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA***	1,330	5.2	830	3.4	25,820	24,080	500	1,740
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	950	4.5	540	2.6	21,310	20,570	410	740
Carroll	620	4.9	260	2.1	12,630	12,150	360	480
Cheshire	1,340	4.0	680	2.1	33,300	31,760	660	1,540
Coos	850	5.2	970	5.9	16,310	16,420	-120	-110
Grafton	1,830	5.5	1,090	3.3	33,570	32,620	740	950
Hillsborough	7,450	5.2	4,210	3.1	143,220	136,300	3,240	6,920
Merrimack	2,180	4.4	1,360	2.8	49,950	48,800	820	1,150
Rockingham	4,990	5.0	2,800	3.0	99,550	94,270	2,190	5,280
Strafford	2,320	5.5	1,180	2.9	42,270	40,400	1,140	1,870
Sullivan	1,040	5.5	690	3.7	18,900	18,430	350	470

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	June 1980	May 1980	October 1979 to June 1980
Total applications for employment	5,598	5,846	63,634
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,120	2,227	18,145
Placements - job openings filled	1,433	1,238	11,536
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,369	1,482	XXX
Placements - nonagricultural	1,433	1,238	11,536
Berlin	95	35	724
Claremont	66	84	619
Concord	137	119	1,146
Dover	85	71	1,060
Keene	109	130	947
Laconia	99	122	907
Littleton	86	81	555
Manchester	209	242	2,149
Nashua	134	146	1,390
Portsmouth	413	208	2,039

*Includes part-time, seasonal and other openings.

The total number of applications for employment filed at New Hampshire Job Service offices in June decreased by 248, or 4.2 percent over the previous month to 5,598. Twenty-five percent of the active applicants were under age 22, with 39 percent female. By highest school grade completed 68 percent of the active file had 12 years or more formal education or its equivalent. Veterans comprised 21 percent of the active file with approximately 40 percent of these from the Vietnam War Era.

Placements from the previous month showed increases in Berlin, Concord, Littleton and Portsmouth. The total increase in placements advanced by 124 from May. The number of unfilled job openings at the end of June was 1,369, down 113 from the previous month. This figure includes part-time, seasonal and other openings. Approximately 39 percent of the openings filled were in trade and services, 35 percent in manufacturing, 31 percent in clerical and sales, 14 percent in structural and 11 percent in benchwork.

Nonagricultural employer visits in June were at the same level as May (449) and slightly below a year ago (451). The number of major market visits fell 48.7 percent from May and 37.7 percent below June 1979. Telephone contacts were down 19 percent from last month but were 37 percent above a year ago.

Counseling sessions increased slightly over the month from 538 to 553 in June. Job development contacts at 749 decreased by 120 from last month and by 181 from a year ago. The Job Service personnel made five job referrals for each placement recorded. Activity in job placements decreased over the year in all the local offices except Littleton and Portsmouth.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	7,810	32,690	33	164	18	59	115	615
Berlin	441	2,654	1	10		5	11	96
Claremont	411	1,730	2	17	2	1	8	35
Concord	855	3,073	1	13	9	24	10	19
Dover	1,387	4,820	5	48	1	1	18	149
Keene	479	1,690	5	14	2	4	4	21
Laconia	722	2,822	2	8	3	17	8	55
Littleton	428	1,810		1			3	27
Manchester	1,505	6,697	7	21	1	5	22	77
Nashua	810	3,191	1	5			11	51
Portsmouth	772	3,537	9	27		2	20	85
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	463	3,391						
Local Government	32	78						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was \$87.71 in June.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	May 1980	May 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,708	3,734	106.4
Manufacturing	2,848	1,402	103.1
Durable goods	1,107	706	56.8
Electrical products	187	207	- 9.7
Machinery	99	129	- 23.3
Lumber & wood pds.	295	164	79.9
All other durable	526	206	155.3
Nondurable goods	1,741	696	150.1
Leather & lea. pds.	664	274	142.3
Textiles	218	48	354.2
Paper & paper prods.	139	116	19.8
Printing & allied	64	35	82.9
Apparel	57	129	- 55.8
Rubber & plastic pds.	560	75	646.7
Other nondurable	39	19	105.3
Nonmanufacturing	4,860	2,332	108.4
Construction	2,166	690	213.9
Trade	1,266	695	82.2
Services	944	697	35.4
All other nonmfg.	484	250	93.6

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including May 12, 1980. Insured unemployed decreased 253 from April to 7,708 in May of which 2,732 or 35 percent were female. Compared to a year ago, insured unemployed increased 3,974 or 106 percent. Thirty-three percent of 2,578 of the insured unemployed were out of work for 1-4 weeks duration while 50 percent were out of work for 5-14 weeks duration. Approximately 35 percent were between the ages of 25 and 34. Overall, almost three quarters were under 45 years of age. Nonmanufacturing contained 63 percent of the insured unemployed of which construction accounted for 45 percent. In May, structural led all occupational categories with 2,025 or 26 percent followed by benchwork (1,246), clerical and sales (1,082), miscellaneous (942) and professional, technical and managerial (873).

FUND BALANCE: There was \$82,022,336.29 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of May. Net contribution Fund amounted to \$6,104,489.32 and net benefits paid during the month amounted to \$2,678,993.04.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May	Apr.	May	May	Apr.	May	May	Apr.	May	May	Apr.	May	May	Apr.	May
	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Manufacturing	5.0	4.6	6.9	3.6	3.7	5.7	4.9	5.5	6.0	2.8	3.0	4.2	1.3	1.6	0.8
Durable goods	3.2	3.4	5.2	2.6	3.0	4.9	3.8	3.5	4.5	2.1	2.2	3.5	1.0	0.6	0.2
Lmbr. & wood pds.	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Furn. & fixtures	**	3.5	6.5	**	2.9	6.1	**	4.7	6.3	**	3.2	3.9	**	0.6	0.6
Stone & clay pds.	3.9	6.5	6.8	2.9	6.0	6.8	4.4	5.8	5.8	3.4	5.0	5.5	0.2	0.4	*
Prim. metal pds.	2.7	3.3	6.5	2.7	3.2	6.3	3.3	2.8	5.4	2.0	1.9	4.2	0.3	0.2	*
Fab. metal pds.	2.6	2.9	6.2	1.6	2.8	5.9	5.4	5.2	6.3	1.9	2.0	5.0	2.7	2.7	0.5
Electrical pds.	3.6	4.1	6.9	3.0	3.7	6.4	3.6	4.1	5.1	2.4	2.7	4.0	0.5	0.6	0.2
Misc. prods.	5.7	5.1	9.8	4.7	4.2	9.3	6.8	6.3	7.1	3.4	5.0	5.3	2.4	0.1	0.1
Mach. & other	2.9	2.5	3.1	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.2	2.9	1.6	1.4	2.2	0.7	0.1	0.1
Nondurable goods	8.1	6.7	9.6	5.3	4.7	7.0	6.8	8.7	8.2	4.0	4.3	5.3	1.7	3.4	1.7
Food & kindred	15.0	4.0	10.2	5.3	3.8	8.2	3.5	13.9	5.7	2.8	4.1	5.1	**	9.1	*
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.7	7.0	13.6	4.5	5.8	6.3	8.3	9.5	13.7	4.4	5.3	5.3	1.9	2.4	6.6
Paper & allied	1.5	1.1	3.3	1.3	0.9	2.5	1.9	1.7	2.9	0.9	1.1	2.2	0.6	0.2	0.2
Prt.pub.&allied	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Lea. & lea. pds.	14.1	9.8	11.2	12.6	8.7	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.0	7.8	7.2	7.9	0.4	1.7	1.1
Lea. tan & fin.	7.5	3.9	8.5	7.4	3.9	7.9	5.1	5.7	7.8	4.4	4.6	6.3	**	**	1.0
Footwear	14.5	10.8	11.2	12.3	9.3	9.2	10.6	10.7	10.4	8.6	7.5	8.1	0.5	2.2	1.2
Other nondurable	7.2	8.3	9.5	2.0	3.1	8.2	7.6	11.0	7.2	2.7	3.4	5.5	4.1	6.5	0.1

*Less than 0.05 rate

**Not published inadequate sample

The above data on turnover rates are a weighed series based on reports from 311 cooperating establishments representing 59 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including May 12, 1980. Accessions and separations are compiled for the entire calendar month.

Additions to manufacturing payrolls were more extensive in May than in April due primarily to recalls of workers on temporary layoff in food products and in leather products. Although the overall accession rate of 5.0 per 100 workers in May exceeded well below the 6.9 rate recorded in May 1979. The new hire rate edged down in May from 3.7 to 3.6 per 100 workers. Most of the new hiring activity occurred in food products and in leather products.

The overall rate of separations dropped from 5.5 in April to 4.9 per 100 workers in May. The quit rate and layoffs both declined in May. Quits at 2.8 per 100 were below the 4.2 rate of a year ago. Layoffs at 1.3 per 100 exceeded the 0.8 rate in May 1979.

National rates in May were 3.3 accessions per 100 employers, and 2.1 new hires. Separations were 4.8 per 100 with quits at 1.5 and layoffs at 2.5 per 100 employees.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
All manufacturing	\$229.65	\$228.23	\$213.73	39.8	39.9	40.1	\$5.77	\$5.72	\$5.33
Durable goods	235.57	235.53	218.02	40.2	40.4	40.3	5.86	5.83	5.41
Lumber & wood pds.	192.62	191.29	185.76	36.9	37.0	38.3	5.22	5.17	4.85
Furniture & fixtures	201.29	201.47	186.90	40.5	40.7	38.3	4.97	4.95	4.88
Stone & clay pds.	241.79	248.02	210.27	39.9	41.2	39.9	6.06	6.02	5.27
Primary metal pds.	256.82	255.65	233.28	43.9	43.7	43.2	5.85	5.85	5.40
Fab. metal prods.	237.63	233.86	225.09	40.9	40.6	41.0	5.81	5.76	5.49
Mach. (exc. elec.)	252.76	256.65	239.13	41.3	41.8	42.1	6.12	6.14	5.68
Electrical prods.	226.16	226.06	209.08	39.4	39.8	39.3	5.74	5.68	5.32
Miscellaneous pds.	185.82	187.88	170.25	38.0	38.5	37.5	4.89	4.88	4.54
Other durable	248.98	243.32	224.87	39.9	39.5	39.8	6.24	6.16	5.65
Nondurable goods	219.74	216.45	207.23	39.1	39.0	39.7	5.62	5.55	5.22
Food & kindred pds.	314.42	312.64	285.02	41.1	41.3	42.1	7.65	7.57	6.77
Textile mill prods.	196.95	189.14	178.09	39.0	38.6	39.4	5.05	4.90	4.52
Apparel	164.42	161.88	164.82	36.7	37.3	38.6	4.48	4.34	4.27
Paper & allied pds.	307.56	307.37	301.25	46.6	46.5	48.2	6.60	6.61	6.25
Print., pub. & allied	229.15	225.94	225.41	37.2	37.1	38.4	6.16	6.09	5.87
Leather & lea. prods.	162.69	159.81	150.65	35.6	35.2	35.7	4.57	4.54	4.22
Lea. tan. & fin.	268.16	256.46	248.39	41.9	41.1	42.1	6.40	6.24	5.90
Footwear	153.82	151.73	141.80	35.2	34.8	35.1	4.37	4.36	4.04
Other nondurable	228.31	224.76	215.32	39.5	39.5	39.8	5.78	5.69	5.41

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 379 cooperating establishments representing 65 percent of an estimated 84,280 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including June 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for June are on a preliminary basis.

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers rose five cents in June to \$5.77 and were 44 cents above the June 1979 level. Average weekly earnings were \$229.65 in June, up \$1.42 from May and \$15.92 over the year.

The average workweek continued to drop in June edging down 0.1 hour to 39.8 hours. The manufacturing workweek has shortened by 0.6 hour since the beginning of the year. In durable goods, the workweek was down 0.2 hour from May and 11 hours from January. The workweek edged up 0.1 hour in June for nondurables but dropped 0.5 hour since the beginning of the year.

Year ago comparison show an overall rise of 8.2 percent in hourly earnings, a shortening of the workweek of 0.3 hour and a net rise in weekly earnings of 7.4 percent. Durable goods industries had an average rise of 8.3 percent in hourly earnings a reduction in the workweek of 0.1 hour and a gain in weekly earnings of 8.0 percent. In nondurables, hourly earnings rose 7.7 percent, the hours of work went down 0.6 hour and weekly earnings increased 6.0 percent.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - June	247.8
Percent in 12 months	14.8

Year average	217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year	11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - June	247.6
Percent in 12 months	14.3

Year average	217.4	195.4
Percent increase each year	11.3	7.7

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE



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SUMMARY: The civilian labor force increased by 2,510 from June to July and the 473,520 represented a gain of 16,210 from a year ago. Total unemployment jumped by 2,810 reaching a total of 26,380 unemployed (5.6 percent rate). A year ago the rate was 3.8 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.9 in July and 5.8 percent a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined by 950 from June to July. Employment decreases in manufacturing chiefly unpaid vacations exceeded the employment increases in nonmanufacturing reflecting seasonal gains in trade and services.

Job losses in manufacturing were concentrated in the nondurable goods segment with unpaid vacations chiefly in leather and leather products (1,550) and in textile mill products (500). Job gains in nonmanufacturing were concentrated in services (3,800), trade (950) and in construction (450) as seasonal factors prevailed. The excellent weather conditions and the availability of gasoline stimulated the tourist business. Local government declined by 2,500 as schools terminated activities for the school year and many workers not under contract were released for the summer vacation period. Transportation, communications and utilities had 600 fewer jobs due to termination of school bus transportation during the summer months. Federal government declined by 300 as some U. S. Census activities were completed in New Hampshire.

Year ago comparisons show a gain of 2,350 in nonagricultural employment. Machinery led the gains in manufacturing with 1,200 more jobs. Significant job losses in manufacturing included 950 in leather and leather products, 900 in other nondurable goods and 750 in textile mill products. Overall manufacturing employment was 2,000 below the July 1979 level, whereas, nonmanufacturing was 4,350 above last year's level. All nonmanufacturing divisions except construction had higher levels this year.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - 1979: During 1979 the average per capita personal income for all states was \$8,773. Alaska led with \$11,219 and Mississippi had the lowest level \$6,178. Connecticut led the New England states with \$10,129 followed by Massachusetts with \$8,893, Rhode Island with \$8,510, New Hampshire with \$8,351, Vermont with \$7,329 and Maine with an average of \$7,039. New Hampshire's rank was 31 among all the states. This data is based on a recent release by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	473,520	471,010	457,310	2,510	16,210
2. Unemployment	26,380	23,570	17,200	2,810	9,180
Percent of labor force	5.6	5.0	3.8		
3. Employment total	447,060	447,440	440,110	-380	6,950
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	80	0	0	80	80
Nonagr. wage & salary**	389,450	390,400	387,100	-950	2,350
Manufacturing	112,250	114,950	114,150	-2,800	-2,000
Durable goods	71,350	71,850	70,400	-500	950
Lumber & wood prods.	4,700	4,800	5,150	-100	-450
Furniture & fixtures	1,800	1,750	1,850	50	-50
Stone & clay prods.	2,850	2,850	3,150	10	-300
Primary metal prods.	3,450	3,500	3,300	-50	150
Fabricated metal prods.	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	200
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,500	22,500	21,300	0	1,200
Electrical prods.	18,750	18,900	18,750	-150	0
Miscellaneous prods.	1,900	2,050	1,900	-150	0
Other durable goods	8,400	8,500	8,200	-100	200
Nondurable goods	40,800	43,100	43,750	-2,300	-2,950
Food & kindred prods.	3,050	3,050	3,100	0	-50
Textile mill prods.	4,150	4,650	4,900	-500	-750
Apparel	2,600	2,700	2,750	-100	-150
Paper & allied prods.	6,400	6,550	6,450	-150	-50
Print., pub. & allied	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Leather & lea. prods.	8,500	10,050	9,450	-1,550	-950
Other nondurable goods	10,200	10,200	11,100	0	-900
Nonmanufacturing	277,300	275,450	272,950	1,850	4,350
Construction (inc. min.)	21,650	21,200	23,400	450	-1,750
Trans., comm. & util	13,400	14,000	13,200	-600	200
Trade	87,150	86,200	85,850	950	1,300
Fin., ins. & real estate	19,950	19,900	19,150	50	800
Service industry & other	73,650	69,850	71,900	3,800	1,750
Government	61,500	64,300	59,450	-2,800	2,050
Federal	12,300	12,600	11,750	-300	550
State	16,550	16,550	15,350	0	1,200
Local	32,650	35,150	32,350	-2,500	300

* By place of residence
 ** By place of establishment
 Benchmark March 1979

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	July 1980 Number Percent		July 1979 Number Percent		July 1980	July 1979	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
United States**	8,410	7.9	6,104	5.8	106,997	104,995	2,306	2,002
New Hampshire	26,380	5.6	17,200	3.8	473,520	457,310	9,180	16,210
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	1,120	5.6	1,030	5.2	19,850	19,760	90	90
Claremont	1,610	4.5	900	2.6	35,720	34,340	710	1,380
Concord	2,190	5.2	1,210	2.9	42,010	41,030	980	980
Dover	3,450	7.6	2,020	4.6	45,120	44,050	1,430	1,070
Keene	1,670	4.5	1,130	3.1	36,830	35,940	540	890
Laconia	2,100	4.7	1,700	3.9	44,830	43,940	400	890
Littleton	1,380	9.1	650	4.4	15,240	14,900	730	340
Manchester	5,300	6.4	3,570	4.4	83,410	80,480	1,730	2,930
Nashua	3,890	5.0	2,580	3.6	77,270	72,060	1,310	5,210
Portsmouth	2,300	4.8	1,540	3.3	47,620	46,790	760	830
N.H. - Lawrence- Haverhill SMSA***	1,370	5.3	870	3.6	25,620	24,020	500	1,600
<u>County</u>								
Folknap	1,180	5.2	950	4.3	22,690	22,230	230	460
Carroll	600	4.5	280	2.1	13,470	13,080	320	390
Cheshire	1,570	4.8	1,050	3.3	32,920	32,090	520	830
Coos	1,070	5.9	1,070	5.9	18,000	18,100	0	- 100
Grafton	1,970	5.7	1,070	3.2	34,360	33,390	900	970
Hillsborough	8,310	5.8	5,660	4.2	143,230	135,810	2,650	7,420
Merrimack	2,480	5.0	1,510	3.1	49,560	48,390	970	1,170
Rockingham	5,000	5.0	3,120	3.2	99,700	96,350	1,880	3,350
Strafford	3,110	7.6	1,860	4.6	41,020	40,100	1,250	920
Sullivan	1,090	5.9	630	3.5	18,570	17,770	460	800

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

Employment Service Activity

Item	July 1980	June 1980	October 1979 to July 1980
Total applications for employment	4,541	5,598	68,175
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,392	2,120	20,537
Placements - job openings filled	1,378	1,433	12,914
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,551	1,369	xxxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,378	1,433	12,914
Berlin	76	95	800
Claremont	89	66	708
Concord	111	137	1,257
Dover	108	85	1,168
Keene	93	109	1,040
Laconia	127	99	1,034
Littleton	93	86	648
Manchester	176	209	2,325
Nashua	154	134	1,544
Portsmouth	351	413	2,390

*Includes Part Time, Seasonal and other openings.

Applications for employment declined 1,057 in New Hampshire Job Service offices during July, a drop of almost twenty percent from the previous month. The youth group with 24.8 percent and the female group with 39.9 percent were dominant among the active applicants.

Placements statewide fell slightly from June with Claremont, Dover, Laconia, Littleton and Nashua showing increases. Placement activity showed females had a 38.3 percent share, youths with 37.7 percent and veterans with 26.3 percent also had a significant share.

Employer visits fell sharply in July due to plant vacations. Only 185 nonagricultural visits were made compared with 448 in June. They were however higher than last year's total of 76. There was an increase in telephone contact, up 21.7 percent from June and 30.8 percent over last year.

Counseling sessions fell to 371 from the June level of 553. There were slightly more than five referrals per placement during the month.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	10,742	45,099	41	233	18	57	145	691
Berlin	646	2,782	1	2			10	69
Claremont	658	2,847	3	12		9	10	46
Concord	930	3,751		4	3	8	5	24
Dover	1,909	7,725	12	21		1	28	125
Keene	758	2,761	1	20	1	7	15	35
Laconia	959	4,012	1	59	6	26	17	54
Littleton	524	2,294					10	33
Manchester	2,264	9,509	10	45	3	1	11	96
Nashua	1,157	4,715	5	17	1		8	60
Portsmouth	937	4,703	8	53	4	5	31	149
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	589	3,809						
Local Government	12	67						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was \$85.29 in July.

Insured Unemployed by Industry

Industry	June 1980	June 1979	Percent change
Total - all industries	7,158	3,648	96.2
Manufacturing	3,135	1,515	106.9
Durable goods	1,119	388	188.4
Electrical products	255	134	90.3
Machinery	119	87	36.8
Lumber & wood pds.	261	32	715.6
All other durable	484	135	258.5
Nondurable goods	2,016	1,127	78.9
Leather & lea. pds.	684	306	123.5
Textiles	205	67	206.0
Paper & paper prods.	111	18	516.7
Printing & allied	77	10	670.0
Apparel	97	32	203.1
Rubber & plastic pds.	723	674	7.3
Other nondurable	119	20	495.0
Nonmanufacturing	4,023	2,133	88.6
Construction	1,642	660	148.8
Trade	1,142	614	86.0
Services	771	650	18.6
All other nonmfg.	468	209	123.9

These insured unemployment data are based on a 30 percent sample of total and partial weeks of unemployment claimed for the week including June 12, 1980. There was a reduction of 550 of insured unemployment from May. Women comprised 39.6 percent of the total and by weeks of duration, the 5-14 week category was over half. Comparison to last year shows an overall increase of 96.2 percent with significant increases in lumber and wood products, textiles, paper and paper products, printing and allied, and apparel. Almost three quarters of the insured unemployed were under 45 years old. Non-manufacturing contained 56.2 percent while construction accounted for 22.9 percent, a substantial reduction from last month's 45 percent. By occupational category structural and benchwork had the largest share with 22.0 and 19.6 percent respectively.

Fund Balance: There was \$79,639,111.47 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of June. Net contributions amounted to \$175,436.37 and net benefits paid amounted to \$2,558,661.19 during the month of June.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June
	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979	1980	1980	1979
Manufacturing	4.0	5.0	6.4	3.2	3.5	5.6	4.1	4.9	6.1	2.5	2.8	4.0	0.9	1.3	1.2
Durable goods	3.6	3.2	5.6	2.9	2.6	5.1	3.3	3.8	4.5	2.0	2.1	3.4	0.7	1.0	0.3
Lmbr. & wood pds.	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Furn. & fixtures	4.3	3.3	6.8	4.0	3.0	6.0	2.5	10.1	7.8	1.8	2.9	5.5	*	5.8	0.2
Stone & clay pds.	3.4	4.0	5.1	3.3	2.9	5.0	4.3	4.4	7.0	2.2	3.4	5.4	1.0	0.2	1.1
Prim. metal pds.	2.2	2.6	5.6	2.0	2.6	5.4	2.2	3.4	3.6	1.0	2.0	2.4	0.2	0.3	*
Fab. metal pds.	5.4	2.6	7.9	2.7	1.6	7.4	2.4	5.4	6.5	1.9	1.9	4.4	0.1	2.7	0.9
Electrical pds.	3.7	3.4	7.1	3.1	2.8	6.5	4.1	3.6	5.3	2.2	2.3	4.1	1.2	0.5	0.2
Misc. prods.	5.7	5.7	8.9	3.9	4.7	8.5	5.9	6.8	7.0	4.9	3.4	5.7	0.3	2.4	*
Mach. & other	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.7	2.4	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	1.8	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.7	0.1
Nondurable goods	4.8	8.2	7.5	3.9	5.2	6.3	5.5	6.8	8.5	3.3	4.0	4.9	1.3	1.7	2.4
Food & kindred	4.9	15.0	5.9	4.6	5.3	5.4	3.9	3.6	5.7	2.8	2.8	4.1	*	*	0.5
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.1	5.8	6.1	3.8	4.6	5.2	6.3	8.5	8.0	2.9	4.5	4.9	1.5	2.1	1.3
Paper & allied	2.7	1.5	3.8	2.1	1.3	3.7	2.2	1.9	2.9	1.0	0.9	2.0	0.3	0.6	*
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Lea. & lea. pds.	7.7	14.2	9.9	6.6	11.7	7.5	7.7	9.3	16.3	6.5	7.7	6.8	0.7	0.4	8.5
Lea. tan & fin.	3.6	7.5	8.1	3.6	7.4	7.9	3.2	5.1	24.9	2.4	4.4	5.5	*	*	18.6
Footwear	9.1	14.6	10.2	7.6	11.3	7.3	7.7	9.9	15.6	6.9	8.2	6.9	0.4	0.5	7.6
Other nondurable	3.2	7.2	9.2	2.3	2.0	8.1	5.7	7.6	6.4	2.1	2.7	5.5	2.8	4.2	*

* Less than 0.05 rate.

** Not published inadequate sample.

The above data on turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 317 cooperating establishments representing 59 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including June 12, 1980. Accessions and separations are compiled for the entire calendar month.

All turnover rates decreased from May to June 1980. Accessions in durable goods increased whereas separations decreased. Nondurable goods had decreases in both rates.

The highest rates were concentrated in the footwear industry with an accession rate 9.1, new hire rate 7.6, separation rate 7.7 and a quit rate of 6.9 per 100 workers. Other nondurables had the highest layoff rate of 2.8 per 100 workers as layoffs occurred in the rubber and plastics industries due to lack of orders. All labor turnover rates were lower than the year ago levels.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
All manufacturing	\$227.56	\$230.40	\$216.11	39.1	40.0	39.8	\$5.82	\$5.76	\$5.43
Durable goods	228.53	236.34	214.34	38.8	40.4	39.4	5.89	5.85	5.44
Lumber & wood pds.	200.03	194.71	185.09	37.6	37.3	38.4	5.32	5.22	4.82
Furniture & fixtures	201.60	200.38	187.31	40.4	40.4	39.6	4.99	4.96	4.73
Stone & clay pds.	238.90	244.62	220.99	39.1	40.5	38.3	6.11	6.04	5.77
Primary metal pds.	247.53	254.62	230.54	42.9	43.9	42.3	5.77	5.80	5.45
Fab. metal prods.	228.34	237.63	214.54	38.9	40.9	40.1	5.87	5.81	5.35
Mach. (exc. elec.)	243.81	252.13	232.37	40.1	41.4	41.2	6.08	6.09	5.64
Electrical prods.	217.62	229.07	203.04	37.2	39.7	37.6	5.85	5.77	5.40
Miscellaneous pds.	173.63	185.82	165.26	36.4	38.0	36.4	4.77	4.89	4.54
Other durable	241.92	249.60	229.31	38.4	40.0	39.4	6.30	6.24	5.82
Nondurable goods	225.72	220.64	217.62	39.6	39.4	40.3	5.70	5.60	5.40
Food & kindred pds.	319.54	310.84	285.05	42.1	40.9	42.8	7.59	7.60	6.66
Textile mill prods.	185.48	192.66	183.06	37.7	39.0	39.2	4.92	4.94	4.67
Apparel	168.34	164.42	157.63	38.0	36.7	37.8	4.43	4.48	4.17
Paper & allied pds.	322.27	315.11	315.07	48.1	47.6	49.0	6.70	6.62	6.43
Print., pub. & allied	237.16	229.77	218.50	38.5	37.3	36.6	6.16	6.16	5.97
Leather & lea. prods.	163.09	165.98	166.70	35.3	36.4	37.8	4.62	4.56	4.41
Lea. tan. & fin.	259.13	271.12	246.43	40.3	42.1	40.8	6.43	6.44	6.04
Footwear	152.86	157.40	157.50	34.9	36.1	37.5	4.38	4.36	4.20
Other nondurable	231.82	228.49	228.90	39.9	39.6	40.3	5.81	5.77	5.68

The above data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 384 cooperating establishments representing 63 percent of an estimated 81,230 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including July 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for July are on a preliminary basis.

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers increased six cents in July to reach \$5.82. Average weekly earnings declined by \$2.84 as the factory workweek was reduced.

During July each year factories take vacation shutdowns and some of the lower paid workers are not eligible for vacation pay due to lack of seniority.

Year ago comparison show a gain of 39 cents in hourly earnings, a loss of 0.8 in weekly hours and gain of 11.45 from the July 1979 level.

Durable goods had an increase of 45 cents in average hourly earnings and nondurable goods experienced a gain of 40 cents an hour.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - July	248.0				
Percent in 12 months	13.0				

Year average		217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year		11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - July	247.8				
Percent in 12 months	13.2				

Year average		217.4	195.4		
Percent increase each year		11.3	7.7		

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SUMMARY: The civilian labor force numbered 468,800 in August, an increase of 11,140 from a year ago. Total unemployment numbered 19,730 in August, a decrease of 6,650 from July as many workers on unpaid vacations in July returned to work. The rate declined from 5.6 percent to 4.2 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.8 percent. Nationally the comparable rates were 7.5 in August and 5.9 percent a year ago.

MAJOR EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: Nonagricultural employment increased by 2,650 with most of the gain in manufacturing as workers on unpaid vacations in July returned to work. The largest employment increase was in leather and leather products. Peak demands from the tourist trade resulted in employment gains of 950 in services and 400 in trade. Job losses in construction (750) reflected layoffs due to a work stoppage.

A fire at the Rockingham Park Race Track in late July resulted in the closing of the racing meet and several hundred workers were forced out of work.

Manufacturing job losses (1,600) from a year ago exceeded the over-the-year gains in nonmanufacturing which have been reduced due to layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Plant project and the closing of Rockingham Park. The principal decreases in manufacturing were in textile mill products (1,350), other nondurable goods (13,000) lumber and wood products (450) and leather and leather products (350). Machinery had the largest increase with 1,450 more jobs. In nonmanufacturing construction was the only industry division to show a loss (3,100). All other divisions had over-the-year gains led by government with 1,600 more jobs.

Layoffs earlier in the year by firms producing parts and accessories for the automobile industry, reduced demand for wood products reflecting the downturn in residential construction and fewer highway construction projects all were factors in the over year job losses.

Nonagricultural employment is below the year ago level for the first time since the 1974-75 recession.

Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls

	United States			New Hampshire		
	1976	1979	Percent Change	1976	1979	Percent Change
Total	79,382*	86,446*	8.9	316,950	381,650	20.4
Goods producing	23,352	25,597	9.6	109,250	137,150	25.5
Construction & Mining	4,355	5,122	17.6	14,750	21,150	43.4
Manufacturing	18,997	20,476	7.8	94,500	116,000	22.8
Durable goods	11,077	12,246	10.6	52,150	70,450	35.1
Nondurable goods	7,920	8,230	3.9	42,350	45,500	7.4
Service producing	56,030	60,849	8.6	207,700	244,500	17.7
Trans., comm., util.	4,582	4,927	7.5	12,050	13,500	12.0
Trade	17,755	19,499	9.8	68,150	83,200	22.1
Fin., ins., & real est.	4,271	4,727	10.7	15,050	18,700	24.3
Services	14,551	16,220	11.5	59,050	67,650	14.6
Government	14,871	15,476	4.1	53,400	61,450	15.1

* In thousands

New Hampshire Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment
and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical change from	
	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Previous month	Previous year
1. Civilian labor force*	468,800	473,520	457,660	-4,720	11,140
2. Unemployment	19,730	26,380	12,650	-6,650	7,080
Percent of labor force	4.2	5.6	2.8	xx	xx
3. Employment total	448,570	447,140	444,910	1,430	3,660
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	500	0	100	+500	+400
Nonagr. wage & salary**	392,500	389,850	392,650	2,650	-150
Manufacturing	115,100	112,600	116,700	2,500	-1,600
Durable goods	73,050	72,200	71,500	850	1,550
Lumber & wood prods.	4,800	4,500	5,250	300	-450
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,550	1,800	100	-150
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Primary metal prods.	3,800	3,750	3,300	50	500
Fabricated metal prods.	7,250	6,950	7,000	300	250
Machinery (exc. elec.)	23,050	23,300	21,600	-250	1,450
Electrical prods.	19,100	19,050	18,950	50	150
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	1,800	2,000	200	0
Other durable goods	8,400	8,300	8,500	100	-100
Nondurable goods	42,050	40,400	45,200	1,650	-3,150
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Textile mill prods.	3,900	4,000	5,250	-100	-1,350
Apparel	2,650	2,550	2,800	100	-150
Paper & allied prods.	6,300	6,150	6,400	150	-100
Print., pub. & allied	6,000	5,850	5,800	150	200
Leather & lea. prods.	10,000	8,700	10,350	1,300	-350
Other nondurable goods	10,100	10,050	11,400	50	-1,300
Nonmanufacturing	277,400	277,250	275,950	150	1,450
Construction (inc. min.)	20,900	21,650	24,000	-750	-3,100
Trans., comm. & util	13,450	13,400	13,250	50	200
Trade	87,550	87,150	86,250	400	1,300
Fin., ins. & real estate	20,050	19,950	19,100	100	950
Service industry & other	74,600	73,650	74,100	950	500
Government	60,850	61,450	59,250	-600	1,600
Federal	12,100	12,450	11,750	-350	350
State	15,900	16,350	15,150	-450	750
Local	32,850	32,650	32,350	200	500

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*				Civilian Labor Force		Numerical Change from previous year	
	August 1980		August 1979		August 1980	August 1979	Unem- ployment	Labor Force
United States***	8,011	7.5	6,137	5.9	106,126	104,363	1,874	1,763
New Hampshire	19,730	4.2	12,650	2.8	468,800	457,660	7,080	11,140
<u>Labor Market Area</u>								
Berlin	750	3.8	850	4.3	19,800	19,990	- 100	- 190
Claremont	1,360	3.8	1,090	3.1	35,500	34,840	270	660
Concord	1,400	3.4	880	2.1	41,440	41,220	520	220
Dover	2,460	5.5	1,420	3.2	44,920	44,360	1,040	560
Keene	1,370	3.7	790	2.2	37,160	36,470	580	690
Laconia	1,600	3.6	1,300	3.0	44,630	43,820	300	810
Littleton	750	5.1	590	4.0	14,670	14,640	160	30
Manchester	3,660	4.5	2,070	2.6	81,480	79,450	1,590	2,030
Nashua	2,990	3.8	1,750	2.4	77,710	72,220	1,240	5,490
Portsmouth	2,190	4.7	1,120	2.4	46,340	46,510	1,070	- 170
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA**	1,200	4.8	790	3.3	25,150	24,140	410	1,010
<u>County</u>								
Belknap	820	3.6	690	3.1	22,490	22,120	130	370
Carroll	450	3.3	240	1.8	13,470	13,220	210	250
Cheshire	1,260	3.8	720	2.2	33,170	32,530	540	640
Coos	690	3.9	840	4.6	17,860	18,110	- 150	- 250
Grafton	1,340	4.0	1,090	3.3	33,850	33,440	250	410
Hillsborough	6,020	4.2	3,450	2.6	142,170	135,050	2,570	7,120
Merrimack	1,730	3.5	1,150	2.4	49,030	48,570	580	460
Rockingham	4,390	4.5	2,440	2.5	97,600	96,230	1,950	1,370
Strafford	2,140	5.2	1,320	3.3	40,770	40,390	820	380
Sullivan	890	4.8	710	3.9	18,390	18,000	180	390

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.

*** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

Employment Service Activity

Item	August 1980	July 1980	October 1979 to August 1980
Total applications for employment	3,641	4,541	71,816
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,574	2,392	23,430
Placements - job openings filled	1,493	1,378	14,707
Job openings unfilled end of month*	1,832	1,551	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural	1,493	1,378	14,707
Berlin	83	76	883
Claremont	75	89	783
Concord	114	111	1,371
Dover	176	108	1,344
Keene	136	93	1,176
Laconia	123	127	1,157
Littleton	95	93	743
Manchester	213	176	2,538
Nashua	158	154	1,702
Portsmouth	320	351	2,710

*Includes Part Time, Seasonal and other openings.

Applicants for employment registered by New Hampshire Job Service offices continued to fall in August declining 900 from the previous month and totalling almost 2,000 since June. Among the active applicants, women with 38.8 percent, veterans with 21.9 percent and the youth group with 21.3 percent were the dominant groups.

Placements in August exceeded the July totals with 1,493 applicants successfully placed. Increases occurred in Concord, Dover, Keene, Littleton, Manchester and Nashua. Placements were proportionate to applicants with 37.2 percent female followed by 30.1 percent veterans and 31.6 percent youth.

Employer visits picked up during August with 212, up 27 from July. Compared with last year visits were up 5.

Referrals increased over last year with most local offices showing gains led by Nashua, up approximately forty percent. Conversely, Rochester with 82.7 percent and Concord with 25.8 percent registered significant losses.

Weekly Claims Filed During the Month
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. Federal Employees No UI		U.C. State Workers (Only)		Servicemen UCX (Only)	
	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All offices	4,862	32,981	17	144	17	41	74	537
Berlin	198	1,837	0	1	0	0	4	36
Claremont	251	2,044	1	9	2	8	7	37
Concord	402	2,642	2	2	6	6	7	31
Dover	812	4,677	3	12	0	1	14	79
Keene	275	2,143	1	7	0	2	5	44
Laconia	539	3,003	3	18	5	21	5	58
Littleton	152	1,531	0	0	0	1	2	35
Manchester	1,184	7,685	1	24	2	2	10	42
Nashua	502	3,537	4	13	2	0	9	62
Portsmouth	547	3,882	2	58	0	0	11	113
Not included above:								
Liable Interstate	442	3,454						
Local Government	14	55						

The average weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment was \$87.76 in August.

Private Industry Employment and Wages Covered by Unemployment Insurance - 1979

Industry	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wages
Total - all industries	318,766	\$3,537,373,910	\$213.40
Manufacturing	116,494	1,496,782,374	247.09
Durable goods	71,137	961,928,208	260.04
Electrical products	18,610	224,230,938	252.38
Machinery	21,233	326,610,148	295.81
Lumber & wood pds.	5,267	55,020,573	200.89
All other durable	26,027	336,066,549	248.31
Nondurable goods	45,357	534,854,166	226.77
Leather & lea. pds.	10,239	91,113,221	171.13
Textiles	5,257	56,773,014	207.68
Paper & allied	6,354	103,824,351	314.23
Printing, pub., & allied	6,027	72,097,884	230.05
Apparel	2,800	23,984,885	164.73
Rubber	11,632	143,058,480	236.51
Other nondurable	3,048	49,002,331	309.17
Nonmanufacturing	202,272	2,040,591,536	194.01
Construction	21,336	294,508,735	265.45
Trade	83,913	716,619,887	164.23
Services & other	65,332	607,046,504	178.69
All other nonmfg.	31,691	422,416,410	256.33

FUND BALANCE: There was \$79,905,022.23 in the Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of July. Receipts for July amounted to \$3,366,541.72 and benefit payments amounted to \$3,100,630.96.

Labor Turnover Rates Per 100 Employees

Industry	Accession Rates						Separation Rates								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Manufacturing	5.6	4.1	6.1	2.8	3.3	4.5	6.2	4.1	7.4	2.2	2.5	3.5	3.2	0.9	3.1
Durable goods	3.4	3.5	4.7	3.2	2.8	3.5	4.2	3.3	6.4	1.7	2.0	2.8	1.9	0.6	3.1
Lmbr. & wood pds.**															
Furn. & fixtures	3.4	4.3	13.4	3.1	4.0	3.6	12.2	2.5	18.5	2.7	1.8	3.5	8.7	*	13.8
Stone & clay pds.	4.2	4.1	2.3	3.8	4.0	2.1	4.4	4.6	8.0	3.2	2.4	3.3	0.5	0.9	3.8
Prim. metal pds.	1.3	2.1	5.6	1.1	1.9	5.1	3.0	2.2	3.5	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.4	0.2	0.5
Fab. metal pds.	4.0	5.4	5.5	3.1	2.7	4.9	4.8	2.4	10.8	2.0	1.9	3.5	2.1	0.1	6.4
Electrical pds.	5.8	3.7	7.5	1.8	3.1	4.8	6.3	4.1	6.4	1.9	2.2	3.2	3.9	1.2	2.5
Misc. prods.	6.7	5.7	8.4	5.8	4.0	7.8	7.3	6.0	11.7	4.2	5.0	6.7	1.2	0.3	2.6
Mach. & other	1.6	2.9	3.0	1.2	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.9	1.3	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.7
Nondurable goods	7.9	5.1	8.5	3.7	4.1	6.3	9.7	5.5	9.2	3.2	3.2	4.7	5.5	1.4	3.2
Food & kindred	4.8	8.1	7.5	4.5	7.9	7.1	8.1	3.8	8.4	3.8	2.8	4.0	3.7	0.2	3.8
Textile mill pds.															
Apparel	5.8	5.7	7.4	3.7	3.8	5.7	6.8	6.3	13.3	3.3	2.9	5.1	1.9	1.6	6.1
Paper & allied	4.6	2.8	2.7	0.9	2.2	2.6	7.5	2.3	2.9	0.6	1.1	2.1	6.5	0.3	0.2
Prt.pub.&allied**															
Lea. & lea. pds.	16.1	7.7	11.4	7.3	6.6	7.0	7.9	7.7	19.2	6.1	6.5	7.0	10.6	0.7	11.5
Lea. tan & fin.	17.9	3.6	9.6	3.1	3.6	9.6	5.0	3.2	5.3	3.8	2.4	4.5	20.1	*	*
Footwear	17.8	9.1	12.1	9.7	7.6	6.5	7.6	7.7	21.8	7.7	6.9	7.6	8.6	0.4	13.6
Other nondurable	6.7	3.2	8.0	2.5	2.3	7.4	7.7	5.7	6.3	2.6	2.1	4.7	4.2	2.9	0.5

* Less than 0.05 rate.

** Not published inadequate sample.

The foregoing data on labor turnover rates are a weighted series based on reports from 382 cooperating establishments representing 64 percent of the total manufacturing employment in the week including August 12, 1980. Accessions and separations are compiled for the entire calendar month.

Turnover rates for July 1980 compared with the previous month generally reflected increases, especially separations. Durables showed a slight drop in accessions while separations rose, whereas nondurables showed substantial increases in both.

Leather tanning and finishing and footwear again had the highest accession rates with 17.9 and 17.8 respectively. Separations were strongest in furniture and fixtures (12.2) and food and kindred (8.1). Leather, tanning and finishing products headed the layoffs with 20.1 percent.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers
in Manufacturing Industries of New Hampshire

Industry	Average weekly earnings			Average weekly hours			Average hourly earnings		
	Aug. 1980	Jul. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Jul. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	Jul. 1980	Aug. 1979
All manufacturing	\$231.28	\$229.32	\$218.83	39.4	39.0	40.3	\$5.87	\$5.88	\$5.43
Durable goods	235.62	231.07	220.15	39.6	38.9	40.1	5.95	5.94	5.49
Lumber & wood pds.	200.74	205.47	189.24	36.9	37.7	38.7	5.44	5.45	4.89
Furniture & fixtures	199.13	200.90	197.62	41.4	41.0	41.0	4.81	4.90	4.82
Stone & clay pds.	237.41	235.62	235.42	39.7	39.6	40.8	5.98	5.95	5.77
Primary metal pds.	248.67	249.68	245.96	42.8	42.9	44.0	5.81	5.82	5.59
Fab. metal prods.	242.02	230.49	220.45	41.8	39.9	40.9	5.79	5.91	5.39
Mach. (exc. elec.)	247.82	242.80	240.29	40.1	40.0	41.5	6.18	6.07	5.79
Electrical prods.	226.53	220.97	206.21	38.2	37.2	38.4	5.93	5.94	5.37
Miscellaneous pds.	177.10	170.14	169.93	37.6	36.2	38.1	4.71	4.70	4.46
Other durable	253.62	248.83	227.36	39.2	38.4	39.2	6.47	6.48	5.80
Nondurable goods	224.04	226.18	216.27	39.1	39.2	40.5	5.73	5.77	5.34
Food & kindred pds.	317.05	316.76	275.33	42.5	41.9	42.1	7.46	7.56	6.54
Textile mill prods.	196.33	184.50	180.18	38.8	37.5	39.6	5.06	4.92	4.55
Apparel	165.31	168.34	150.82	37.4	38.0	37.8	4.42	4.43	3.99
Paper & allied pds.	318.47	317.62	326.85	45.6	45.7	49.9	6.99	6.95	6.55
Print., pub. & allied	234.47	240.03	245.83	37.1	37.8	40.3	6.32	6.35	6.10
Leather & lea. prods.	163.96	163.09	161.45	35.8	35.3	37.2	4.58	4.62	4.34
Lea. tan. & fin.	270.06	259.13	237.37	42.0	40.3	39.3	6.43	6.43	6.04
Footwear	155.49	153.56	153.55	35.5	34.9	37.0	4.38	4.40	4.15
Other nondurable	234.63	236.59	222.64	39.7	40.1	39.9	5.91	5.90	5.58

The foregoing data on hours and earnings are a weighted series based on reports from 382 cooperating establishments representing 64 percent of an estimated 84,370 production workers who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period including August 12, 1980. Persons on unpaid leave or vacation without pay are excluded.

Note: Data for August are on a preliminary basis.

Average hourly earnings dropped slightly in August to reach \$5.87. An increase of 0.4 hour in the factory workweek, however, made possible a \$1.96 rise in average weekly earnings. Compared with last year, hourly earnings rose 44 cents resulting in a \$12.45 gain in weekly wages in spite of a loss of 0.9 hour in average weekly hours.

Over-the-year durables rose 46 cents per hour while nondurables showed a 39 cent increase.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - 1967=100

Item	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976
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Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Revised Index

Current month - August	249.6
Percent in 12 months	12.7

Year average	217.7	195.3	181.5	170.5
Percent increase each year	11.5	7.6	6.5	5.8

All Urban Consumers

New Index

Current month - August	249.4
Percent in 12 months	12.8

Year average	217.4	195.4
Percent increase each year	11.3	7.7

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